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MR. BYWATER'S FORECAST OF U.S. INTENTION

London, To-day.

Mr. Hector Bywater, naval correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," says that the United States naval manoeuvres in the Pacific, which will take place early next year, will be of unprecedented dimensions not only as far as the number of units taking part is concerned but also as regards extent of the operations.

No fewer than 150 ships and 500 planes will take part in the manoeuvres, scene of which will be the greater part of the Pacific Ocean.

To-morrow being Christmas Day, there will be no issue of the "China Mail."

The "Sunday Herald" will, however, appear on Sunday as usual.

Mr. Bywater draws attention to the "unprecedented fact" that the United States Fleet will come to within 600 miles of Japanese waters during the manoeuvres.

Although the actual war games will be held between March 14 and April 29, large-scale exercises will

TOKYO FAILS TO INDICATE WHEN REPLY MAY BE EXPECTED

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, informed pressmen yesterday that the official Report of the United States Naval Board's inquiry into the Panay outrage was received yesterday.

The Report raised no new major controversial points.

Mr. Hull added that the Japanese Government had indicated that it is giving the incident daily attention, but there is still no definite information as to when the reply may be expected.

Mr. Hull stated he had not discussed with the President or the Navy Department, the advisability of advancing to February the annual Pacific manoeuvres now scheduled to begin on March 14.—Reuter.

NO NEW NOTE

Washington, To-day.

It is not believed that a fresh Panay Note will be despatched to Japan, but such new information as emerges will be forwarded to the Ambassador in Tokyo for use in presenting additional facts to the Japanese Government as an addendum to the original protest.

The Government stands firmly on the basis of its original demands.—Reuter.

begin a considerable time before the official opening date of the manoeuvres.—Trans-Ocean.

Mexico City Rocked By Earthquake

Mexico City, To-day.

A N earthquake, the heaviest ever experienced here, rocked the city yesterday for five minutes.

A large surrounding area, including a number of towns, was also sharply shaken.

Casualties and damage are not yet known, though in Mexico City itself, the earthquake caused slight damage and only two deaths hitherto have been reported.

However, serious damage is feared in the interior of the country, where the quake was extremely severe.

Telegraphic communication has been interrupted.—Reuter.

CABINET KEEPS OWN COUNSEL ON FAR EAST CRISIS

London, To-day.

All British newspapers continue to give prominence to China news, which is now the first topic of public interest.

The Government's intentions are a close secret, but it is widely believed that the British attitude has been considerably stiffened by recent events.

Official circles regard the possibility of Japanese threat to Canton with reassuring equanimity, and express the opinion that Tokyo is seriously concerned by the unwieldy commitments in which the army's exuberance has plunged Japan, and is now completely puzzled how to define their precise aims in China.—Reuter.

is not divulged, after which the measure will be formally presented to the Privy Council for approval before the year-end.

It is rumoured that either Manchukuo's adhesion to the Anti-Comintern Pact or demand for revision of the Nine-Power Pact is the question under discussion.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT TOKYO CABINET DELIBERATION

Tokyo, To-day.

The Cabinet to-day will consider a "certain important diplomatic measure," nature of which

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IT PAYS ME TO BE A Yes-MAN

Now, I won't go down in history. Nobody has ever heard of me, and after this I don't suppose anybody will. But after forty-five years of placid life I sometimes think that though I don't desire it, someone ought to give me a minor place in the gallery of fame.

Because I have discovered the secret of handling women and avoiding the disputes and scenes which

make life more like an endless war than ordinary existence.

There is nothing very extraordinary about my secret. Even when I tell it to you, it may seem ridiculous at first glance.

It is just this.

I have the ability to say "Yes."

A little word, but oh, how so important!

You see, I have learnt how to lose

by saying "Yes," and yet to win in the end.

In my married life I have found that most disputes turn on the answer the man may give.

"Yes" or "No."

That time you brought Uncle John into the conversation when you ought to have appreciated that although he is a joke to you he is a disgrace to any decent family.

That time.

Well, need I go on? These awkward moments have always made big family news and, I suppose, always will.

And what happens when the wife starts a tirade once the last visitor has gone and the inquest begins?

Most men start to argue back.

They are still arguing about it twelve months after.

I pick the simpler way out.

I say "Yes."

Whether the wife wants me to promise not to do it again. Whether she wants to know if I think she is a slave, a puppet, a mere stuffed figure waiting at home on my pleasure. Whether she asks me if I think myself so marvelously superior to the rest of mankind—

I answer "Yes."

That is why peace reigns in my home. Shrill voices, angry retorts, and disagreeable scenes never ruffle my life.

It takes two to make a quarrel, and my simple "Yes" makes it impossible that a second party should exist.

So we have no rows.

At first I didn't like saying "Yes."

I thought it an insult to my manhood. Why, I said to myself, you're head of this house, you go out to work to pay the bills and run this quite nice home. What are you thinking about? Answer back. Assert yourself. Prove your point of view, otherwise you'll become a hen-pecked husband.

But soon a great truth dawned on me.

The best way to become hen-pecked is to argue with your wife, to defy her, to demand proof of everything she says.

And the best way to get your own way is to agree with everything she says.

It sounds a paradox, I know, but it has worked in my case.

So now, after my wife has denounced something I have said or done, the dialogue goes something like this:

The Wife: I don't know what you were thinking about. Aren't you ashamed of yourself?

Me: Yes, dear.

The Wife: And I hope you'll promise never to do a thing like that again.

Me: Yes, dear.

At this point the wife doesn't know very well what to say next. Still, she manages with:

The Wife: Sometimes I think you're just a stupid baby. You know, you must admit you were in the wrong.

Me: Yes, dear.

The Wife: Can't you say anything but "Yes, dear"?

Me: Well, dear, I wonder would you pass me my pipe? It's on the mantelpiece there.

And she always passes me my pipe. The row that might have dragged on for days goes up in smoke.

"I'm happy. So is she."

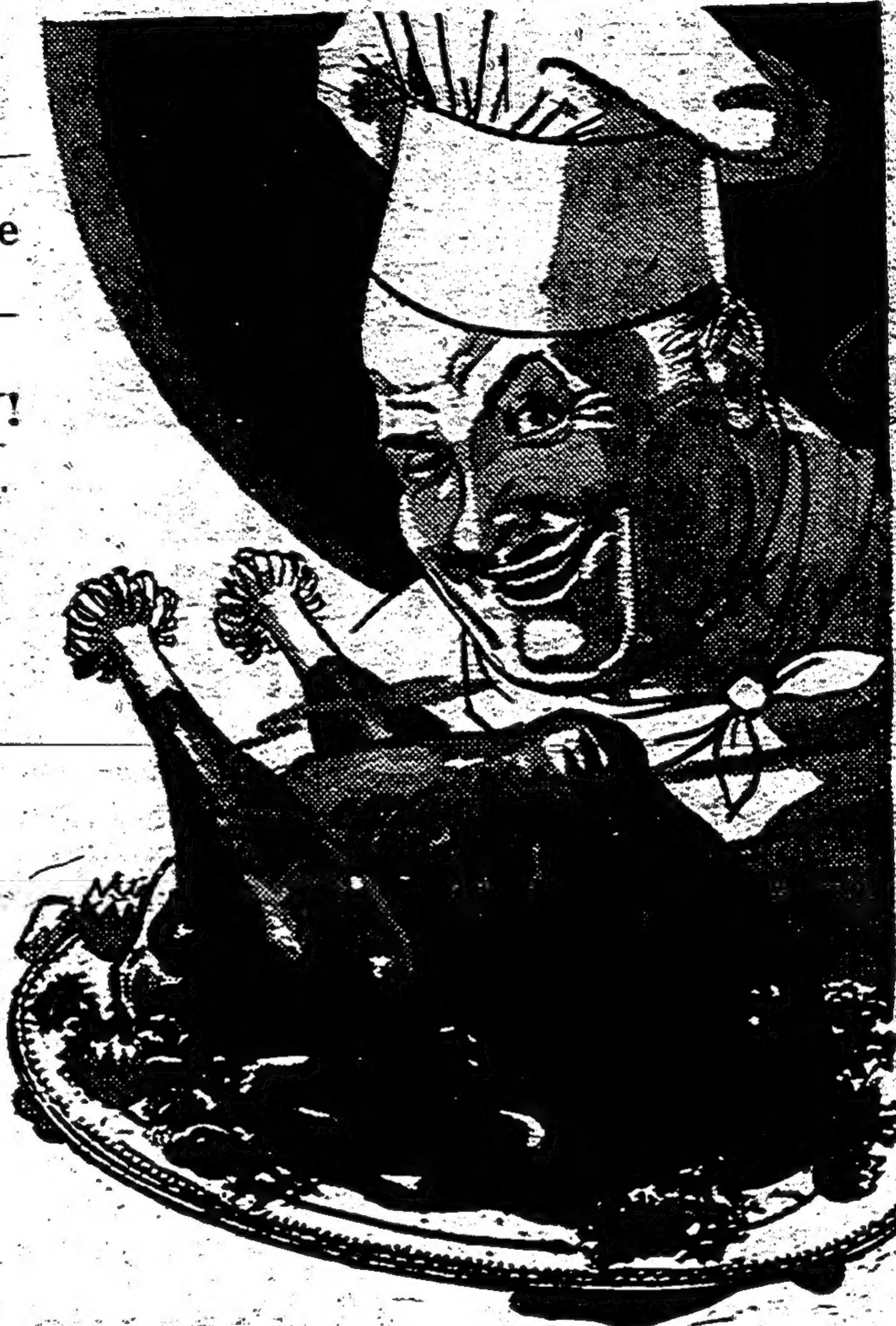
What have I lost? The chance of a shouting contest—and most men can shout more loudly than their wives? The chance of stamping out of the house and slamming the door after me?

Well, I don't want to stamp out. Where have I to go that's more attractive than my home?

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No. No. Nanette—Selection (Youmans).
Show Of Shows—Selection... New Mayfair Orchestra with Edward O'Henry (Organ).
12-48 p.m.—Gerry Moore at the Piano.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1-03 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Tosca—Selection (Puccini).
Entry Of The Spring Flowers (Rockert).
You Shall Be The King Of My Heart (Stolz).
Japanese Lantern Dance (Yoshitomo).
Chinese Street Serenade (Siede).
Leo Fall—Porpourri (arr. Dostal).
1-30 p.m.—Renter & Rugby Press; Lo-

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cal Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1-40 p.m.—Variety.
2-15 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.
7-30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7-40 p.m.—Studio—A Christmas Song Recital by Mrs. Sanger (Soprano).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8-03 p.m.—Studio—Debussy Recital by A. T. Lay (Piano).
8-27 p.m.—Two Songs by Georges Thill (Tenor).
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Air De Jean (Massenet).
Ahi qu'il est fin mon pays!
Enlèvement (Bordese and Lervande).

8-36 p.m.—Die Meistersinger—Overture (Wagner). Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
8-40 p.m.—Studio—Rev. C. B. R. Sargent: 24th series of Opera—Understanding Operatic Records of 1936.
9-30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9-50 p.m.—Studio—A version of Charles Dickens's well known story "A Christmas Carol".
10-15 p.m.—London Relay—Variety including George Hirst, comedian, Gipsy Nina with her accordion and Jack and Eddie Eden, Australian entertainers.
10-45 p.m.—London Relay—T. Remembrance presented by Percy Edgar with Marjorie Westbury (Soprano), Webster Booth (Tenor), Harold Casey (Baritone), The BBC Midland Singers. The BBC Midland Bayne Chorus conducted by Edgar Morgan and The BBC Midland Orchestra led by Ernest Element conducted by Reginald Burston.
11-25 p.m.—London Relay—A Festival of Nine Lessons And Carols in King's College Chapel, Cambridge, upon Christmas Eve, 1937.
12 midnight—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—

GSI 21.53 Mc/s (12.98 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10-45 a.m.—Big Ben. Jack Payne's Party.
11-45 a.m.—London Streets this Christmas-time.
11-50 a.m.—Peter Dawson, with the BBC Male-Voice Chorus and the BBC Theatre Orchestra.
12-30 a.m.—Henry Hall and his Dance Orchestra.
1-10 p.m.—"Gower Bell" Forty songs a side and no instrument playing.
1-30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1-45 p.m.
1-55 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—

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2-15 p.m.—Big Ben. Variety.
2-45 p.m.—T. Remembrance.
3-25 p.m.—A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in King's College Chapel, Cambridge. Upon Christmas Eve, 1937.
4-00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4-15 p.m.
4-20 p.m.—"Oliver Twist" (Part II).
5-00 p.m.—Close down.

BERLIN BROADCAST

On stations DJA 31.33 m, DJB 19.74 m, DJE 15.89 m, DJN 31.45 m, DJQ 19.63 m.
H.K.T.
2-15 p.m.—Light Music.
3-00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
3-30 p.m.—The Happy Family Celebrates.
8-00 p.m.—News.
9-15 p.m.—Peeping through the key-hole.
10-00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
10-15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Grand coup

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: A hand last week in a local tournament is the most interesting hand I have seen in a long time, and I am hopeful that you will enjoy it.

South, dealer.
North-South vulnerable

NORTH

S.—A 10 5
H.—K

D.—A J 7 3 2
C.—A Q J 8

WEST EAST
S.—Q 9 8 2 S.—J 7 3
H.—10 H.—A 9 6 3
D.—Q 9 8 6 D.—K 10 5
C.—7 6 5 3 C.—10 4 2

SOUTH

S.—K 6 4
H.—Q J 8 7 5 4 2
D.—4
C.—K 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 diamond	Pass
1 heart	Pass	2 clubs	Pass
3 hearts	Pass	3 no trump	Pass
4 hearts	Pass	6 hearts	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

"West opens the spade deuce. If dummy plays spade five, East plays the seven; if dummy [as I did] plays the ten, East, of course, covers with the jack. From here on the play is interesting. North's double of the small slam contract is evidence that trumps probably are divided adversely 4-1. If all five hearts are in one hand, the contract cannot be made.

"After winning the first trick with the spade king, South leads a diamond, winning with dummy's ace. A small diamond then is ruffed. The club nine then is led and won with dummy's jack. A small diamond is ruffed and the play, to date, indicates a possible 4-3-3 distribution in East's hand. The club king is led and dummy overtakes with ace. The club queen then is led, South discarding his losing spade. The spade ace wins the next trick and we find this ending:

NORTH

S.—5
H.—K
D.—J 7
C.—8

WEST EAST
S.—Q 9 S.—3
H.—10 H.—A 9 6 3
D.—Q D.—None
C.—7 C.—None

SOUTH

S.—None
H.—Q J 8 7 5
C.—None
D.—None

"A spade, club or diamond lead from dummy at trick nine assures South of twelve tricks, and his doubled contract of six hearts is made! South ruffs and leads a heart to the king, dropping West's ten en route. If East wins, he must return a heart from the 9-6-3 into declarer's tenace of Q J 8. If East overruffs, he must play a trump at the next trick, and declarer has only to top whatever trump he plays.

"It will be noted that the contract is quite simple if, at trick one, dummy plays a small spade and West obliges by playing the spade jack. Hearts then can be led at trick two, declarer's trump suit shortened to East's length by ruffing. But without the second spade entry to dummy I believe the contract can be made only as I have described. Trumps cannot be led until trick ten.

Yours very truly,

G.H.A., Seattle, Wash."

I agree with my correspondent that the hand is a pretty one. If it is, of course, a member of the grand coup family, the exceptional point of interest being that trumps are not touched until declarer has shortened himself to the same length as the right hand defender. The analysis is so clear that there is nothing that I need add except to congratulate declarer for flawless card reading.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: The bidding (neither side vulnerable) has been:

South West North East
1 no trump Double Pass ?
What should East do with S.—10 8 H.—K 8 6 5 D.—J 7 6 C.—A 8 6 2?

Answer: Pass. With one and a half honour tricks it is proper to make a penalty pass when partner makes a take-out double of one no trump.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
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G.M.T.

8-15 a.m.—Big Ben. "Welcome Yule."
9-00 a.m.—"As I See It"—S. A. talk by H. G. Wells.
9-15 a.m.—Recital by Daisy Kennedy.
9-35 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9-45 a.m.
9-55 a.m.—"At the Black Dog."
10-25 a.m.—Close down.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"Morocco."—Revival of three-star picture, featuring Gary Cooper, Marlene Dietrich and Adolphe Menjou.

AT THE KING'S—"Ali Baba Goes To Town," with Eddie Cantor, Tony Martin, Roland Young, June Lang and Louise Hovick. The long awaited musical comedy with several song hits.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Sally," with Cary Grant, Franchot Tone, Lewis Stone and Benita Hume. A drama of spies and flying aces.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Mr. Dodd Takes the Air."—America's sensational singing favourite, Kenny Baker, supported by Alice Brady, Frank McHugh, Gertrude Michael, Jane Wyman, Luis Alberni, John Eldredge and Henry O'Neill in Frank Buddington Kelland's hilarious successor to "Mr. Deeds Goes

to Town," with the added attraction of four big song-hits by the star.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Captains Courageous," with Freddie Bartholomew, Spencer Tracy, Lionel Barrymore and Melvyn Douglas. Rudyard Kipling's tale of the sea made into an excellent film. There are thrills and heart-throbs mixed in the right combination.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Man Who Cried Wolf."—A new mystery drama revolving about an unusual plot situation. The story concerns a famous actor who commits "the perfect crime," only to discover that his own son is charged with the murder and later convicted. Lewis Stone plays the leading dramatic role as the actor who devises a scheme so clever that it endangers those he loves most. His son is portrayed by Tom Brown, who shares a tender romance with Barbara Read.



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Foreign Bid To Arrange Hankow Safety Zones

Hankow, To-day.

The Consular Corps is discussing with the Japanese, the proposal for establishment of a "notified zone" in Hankow for the safety of refugees in the event that the city is bombed and attacked by the Japanese.

The proposed zone would include the French Concession and the Special Administrative Districts (the former British, German and Russian concessions) and the Yangtse off the Bund.

The proposal, it is understood, is meeting with considerable opposition by the Japanese, who maintain that the zone will interfere with their military operations.

A section of the river would be included in the zone because of the many foreign warships and merchantmen which at present are held up at Hankow, owing to the Chinese booms below the city.

The Consular Corps insist on the term "notified zone" as they emphasise that while they are doing their best, they are unable to guarantee the safety of lives and property within the area.—Reuter.

EMPIRE EXHIBITION AT GLASGOW

London, To-day.

Besides the King, who will open the Empire Exhibition at Glasgow on May 3 next year, the Prime Ministers of Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and Southern Rhodesia have accepted invitations to become honorary presidents of the Exhibition, to which 12,000,000 visitors are expected between May and October.

Cost of the Exhibition, it is estimated, will reach £10,000,000.—Reuter.

ANTI-TOKYO PARADES IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

Three anti-Japanese parades were arranged by the "International League for Peace" in Paris last night. The demonstrators carried posters urging the boycott of Japanese goods.—Trans-Ocean.

SYDNEY ATHLETIC MEETING

Victoria (Vancouver), To-day.

Seventy-eight Canadian athletes sailed for Australia yesterday to attend the British Empire Athletic Meeting at Sydney during the 150th anniversary celebrations.—Reuter.

FRANCE REPAYS LOAN

London, To-day.

By far the largest part of the loan of £40,000,000 granted to the Bank de France by London banks last spring has already been repaid according to a statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons. He announced that the final instalment will be paid to-day.—Trans-Ocean.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Japan against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

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UNDERGROUND ROADS SAFE FROM AIR ATTACK PROPOSED FOR LONDON

It is learned that two underground roads are recommended by Sir Charles H. Bressey, who was appointed three years ago by the Minister of Transport to replan the thoroughfares of Greater London.

His final report, outlining an ambitious scheme for 900 square miles, is expected to be in the hands of the Minister by the end of the year. It is designed to cover the needs of the next 30 years.

The underground roads would run north to south and east to west. They would link the new arterial roads which are now discharging traffic on the overcrowded streets of the inner metropolis.

Sir Charles Bressey has been impressed by the success of similar vehicular tunnels and subways in Paris. The advantages are:

Absence of junctions, enabling main-line traffic to proceed steadily without interruption;

Safety in war-time, since traffic evacuating the population or carrying supplies could pass underground, safe from attack.

The roadways would be cut below the level of the existing underground railways.

CHARING CROSS SCHEME

It is considered that the cost of widening existing roadways in inner London, through densely built-up areas, would be prohibitive and, in the long run, inadequate. The alternative solution of overhead roadways, recommended by a Royal Commission 30 years ago, is not favoured.

The construction of an underground roadway north to south would settle for all time the controversial problem of whether to build a bridge across the Thames near Charing Cross.

Sir Charles Bressey will also propose wider thoroughfares, bigger blocks of buildings and fewer side streets.

In his survey, Sir Charles has had the co-operation and advice of Sir Edwin Lutyens, R.A., the architect. Their proposals will be designed to improve London's appearance as well as to relieve traffic congestion.

Clock To Tell Number Of Accidents

A clock to show that every other minute throughout the day and night someone is killed or injured on the roads in England is to be exhibited at a London underground station.

This is part of a road safety exhibition which will be opened by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Leslie Burgin, at Charing Cross underground station.

The exhibition is designed to illustrate the Highway Code.

A film on the Highway Code will be shown free, at brief intervals, and 100,000 copies of the booklet will be given away.

A special dazzle exhibit will show how undipped headlights can so completely blind an oncoming driver as to blot out a cyclist on the road ahead.

DANGER OF DAZZLE

This exhibit is intended as a special warning on the need for using the anti-dazzle equipment, now compulsory on all motor vehicles.

Diagrams will illustrate braking distances of cars at different speeds, the range of headlights and the force with which vehicles hit each other in a collision.

Accidents that have actually oc-

curred are analysed with diagrams in a booklet called "It Need Never Have Happened," reprinted from "Motor Transport" and distributed free.

It tells the story of how typical accidents occurred and how they might easily have been avoided.

Here is one accident: Lorry A passed cyclist B, giving very little clearance. The cyclist swerved and was knocked down.

The comment is: "Cyclists must swerve, if only slightly, in the process of keeping their balance. They should, therefore, be passed by a margin wider than any possible swerve."

Is Your Daily Beverage A Drink Or A Food Drink?

To what a great extent custom rules our lives. Tea and coffee have been the usual breakfast beverages for years past and most people are so used to them that they would regard the meal as highly unsatisfactory were not one or the other on the table. Tea and coffee are excellent in a way, but they are drinks purely and simply. They possess no food value at all. If the meal is a hurried one—and what a vast number of people make it so because they indulge in an extra five minutes in bed—tea or coffee does nothing to sustain them during the morning.

More and more people are beginning to realise that their breakfast beverage should be in reality a food, and a food possessing rather special properties. If a high-grade food beverage is taken it proves better in every way than the usual ones. If Ovaltine is made the breakfast beverage it is equally enjoyable, because of its delicious flavour, and it is the finest natural foundation on which to base the day's activities, whether physical or mental. It not only gives added zest for work, but it keeps one going all

the morning.

This delicious food beverage is a capital between-meals drink. When out shopping, remember it is served at milk bars, in cafes and restaurants.

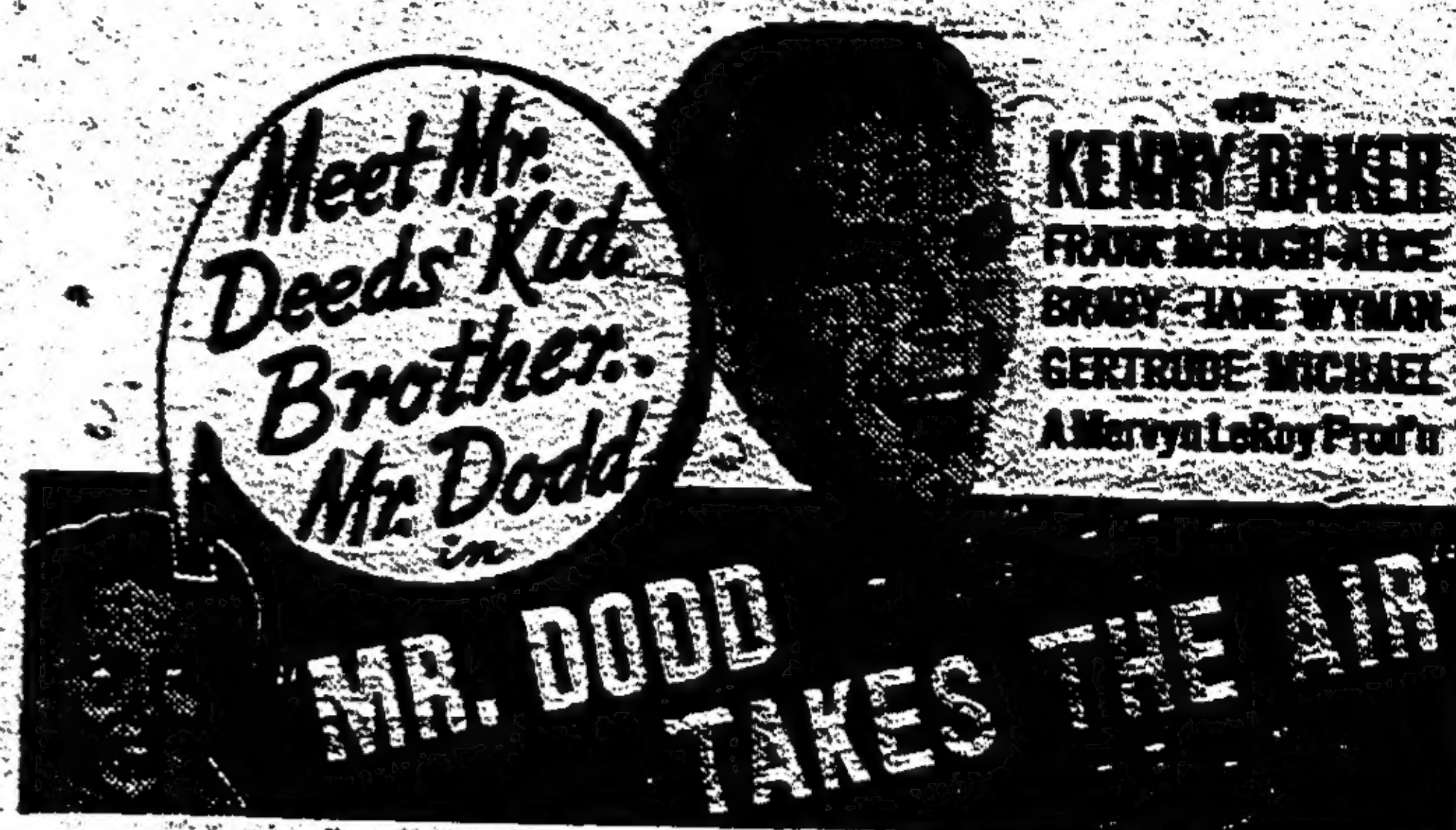
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JAPANESE GIVE ADVICE TO FOREIGNERS TO EVACUATE HANGCHOW

Shanghai, To-day.

IN view of the danger of "severe and extensive fighting," the Japanese consular authorities have issued a notice to foreign consuls on the advisability of evacuating their nationals from Hangchow and Shaoshing, 35 miles south-east of Hangchow.

The Japanese consular authorities point out that it is the wish of the Japanese forces that "all foreign nationals in those areas stay away as much as possible from the zone of actual fighting and evacuate without delay."

Transportation facilities for evacuees must be left to the respective consuls to arrange, according to the Japanese spokesman at yesterday afternoon's press conference.

At present there are 31 foreigners in Hangchow, including 15 Britons and five Americans.—Reuter.

MEETING OF CHINA ENVOYS

London, To-day.

The Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, is leaving for Paris to-day.

In the French capital he will meet Continental Chinese Ambassadors at a conference in the presence of Mr. Chen Kung-po, special Chinese envoy to Europe, after which Mr. Chen will return to China.—Reuter.

HAVOC IN BLACK SEA GALE

Istanbul, To-day.

A terrific gale in the Black Sea yesterday wrought havoc to shipping and later swept over Turkey.

A number of ships are reported to have foundered, in one case only one of the crew of 25 of a Turkish cargo steamer being picked up after the ship had smashed itself to pieces against rocks in the Bosphorus.

Communications in most parts of Turkey have been disorganised.—Reuter.

LECTURE TOUR ON CHINA'S CASE

London, To-day.

Col. Thomas Chou, former secretary of General Chiang Kai-shek, sailed from Southampton for New York yesterday for a lecturing tour in the United States.—Reuter.

STEAMER ADrift IN MEDITERRANEAN

Malta, To-day.

The British fleet tender "Olympus" yesterday picked up four men in an open boat near Malta.

The men were from a Norwegian steamer which broke her propeller 60 miles off Malta, and drifted to within fifteen miles of the island.

The mate and three seamen then took to the boat in an attempt to reach shore, but were unable to make land.

The steamer is still adrift and British destroyers and naval planes at present are searching for her.—Reuter.

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Shanghai, To-day.

Adopting again their favourite and highly successful outflanking strategy, the Japanese forces attacking Hangchow are developing a menacing thrust against the famous city from the direction of the Chekiang-Anhwei border.

Moving swiftly from their base at Kwangteh and Szean, a Japanese column is reported to have reached a point 20 miles north-west of their objective.

After capturing Lichi, a small town on the Szean-Yuhang highway, 15 kilometres west of Hangchow, the Japanese troops are building strong defence works around the town in preparation for using it as a base of future operations.

The Japanese forces are believed to be planning to strike next at Huanghu, 33 kilometres from Yuhang.

From Huanghu the attackers are likely to drive on Yuhang.

YUHANG THE KEY

Capture of the latter would virtually seal the fate of Hangchow, as the town controls one of the only two highways on which Chinese soldiers can transport supplies and reinforcements.

The Chinese believe that this new Japanese move is by far the most serious threat against Hangchow, pointing out that the outflanking movement from the Chekiang-Anhwei border, with frontal attacks along the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway, the Hangchow-Huchow highway and the Shanghai-Hangchow highway, is increasing the difficulty of defending the lakeside city.

RUSHING DEFENCE

To counteract the Japanese outflanking threat, Chinese mobile units are reported to have been sent to conduct extensive operations in the vicinity of Kwangteh and Szean.

At the same time, the main body of Chinese troops are also rushing preparations along the Szean-Hangchow highway to stem advance of the Japanese forces along the road to Yuhang.—Reuter.

RAPID PROGRESS

Shanghai, To-day.

Hangchow is now definitely the major objective of Japanese troops in China, and they appear to be making rapid progress in the attack on the city.

The Japanese claim to have captured Fanpangiao and Kaochakian from 20 to 40 miles away.—Trans-Ocean.

TUNIS TRIAL

Tunis, To-day.

The State Attorney has opened proceedings against Habib Pourquipa, leader of the "Destour Party."

Pourquipa is accused of "impairing the rights of France in Tunis, instigation to racial hatred and spreading false news." — Trans-Ocean.

WILL LEAGUE LOSE ITS HOME AT GENEVA?

Paris, To-day.

A statement in which the President of the Swiss Confederation, Guiseppe Motta, defined Switzerland's attitude towards the League of Nations, has attracted considerable attention here since it is feared that a change of the Swiss attitude towards the League of Nations may under certain circumstances necessitate the removal of the Headquarters of the League from Geneva to some other place.

"Echo de Paris" regards Motta's remarks as a hint that Switzerland no longer is willing to grant domicile to the League.

"Populaire," on the other hand, asks Switzerland to gather courage for quitting the League if the doctrines of that body are unsatisfactory to her. In the event that Switzerland resigns her League membership, the loser would not be the League of Nations but the Swiss Federal Council and the city of Geneva which would suffer serious material losses by being deprived of revenue resulting from the fact that the League Headquarters is established in Geneva.

THEATRE FIRE IN BUCHAREST

Bucharest, To-day.

Fire broke out yesterday at 9 p.m. during a crowded first-night performance at one of the biggest Bucharest music halls, "Vox."

Panic-stricken spectators rushed to the doors but fortunately only a few persons suffered minor injuries.—Trans-Ocean.

PLANES FOR U.S. NAVY

New York, To-day.

The Glenn Martin Co. has received a contract from the Navy Department for construction of 21 aeroplanes at a cost of \$5,300,000.—Reuter.

LORD MAYOR'S CHINA FUND

London, To-day.

The Lord Mayor's China Relief Fund now totals £79,300.

The Relief Fund in Manchester has, in addition, sent its first contribution of £500, and a further £500 is expected early in the New Year.—Reuter.

CHINA FLEET REINFORCEMENT SHELVED

London, To-day.

No decision has been taken concerning the eventual despatch of the British Mediterranean fleet to the Far East according to the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Express" who affirms that the Cabinet after sitting for five hours yesterday agreed to postpone discussion of the question.

The correspondent states that the Cabinet is reluctant to take such a drastic measure owing to the situation in Europe and especially in the Mediterranean although the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, himself favours the immediate despatch of a fleet to China.

The "Daily Telegraph" also attaches great importance to yesterday's Cabinet meeting but the paper denies rumours of considerable divergencies of opinion within the Cabinet in connection with the Far Eastern question.—Trans-Ocean.

FOUR ARABS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Jerusalem, To-day.

Four Arabs were sentenced to death at Jaffa Assizes yesterday for the murder of another Arab during a highway robbery near Ramleh on July 26.

Eleven Arabs are estimated to have been killed when police and troops engaged a large Arab party near Arraba, west of Tiberias, yesterday.

The engagement followed a pincer-like movement carried out over several days by police and Trans-Jordan frontiersmen co-operating with troops and aircraft.—Reuter.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of the Netherlands East Indies against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

XMAS SPENDING IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The Christmas demand has as expected, created a new record for note circulation and carried the total above the £500,000,000 mark. The bank return shows an increase in active circulation of £7,361,211, the total being £509,315,646.—British Wireless.

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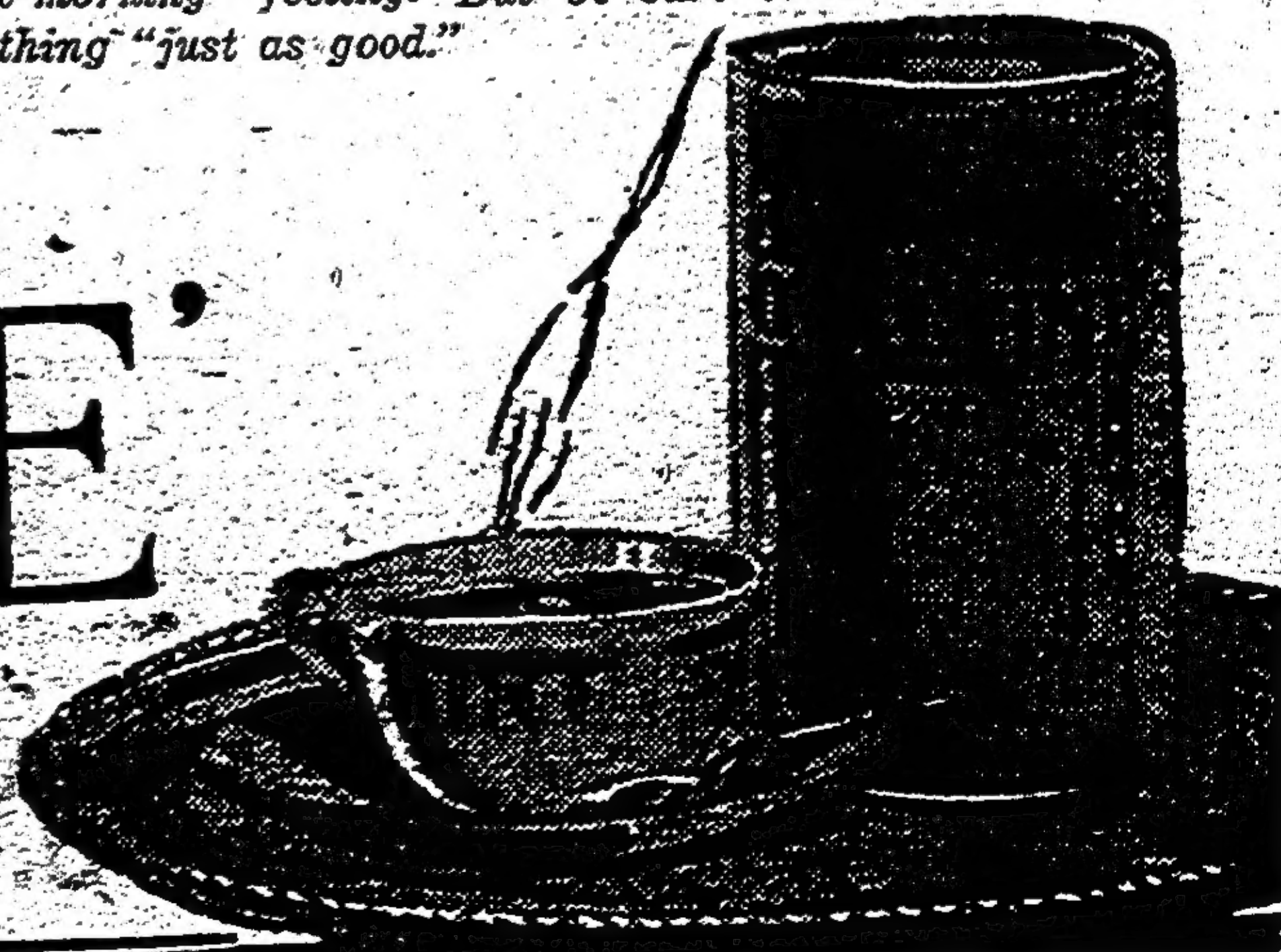
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Slough (Bucks), Dec. 11.
IN the few seconds that elapse before a crashed plane bursts into flames, the pilot has his only chance to escape alive, but in nearly every case his clothes catch fire before he can clamber out.

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And, as one of the experts working on the design of fire-proof clothing told me, "A desperate man can do a great deal in ten seconds."

The new asbestos suit can be lined with any material, water-proofed, and "tailored" as well as

SCIENTISTS' FLOE SWEEPS TOWARD DANGER LINE

Moscow, Yesterday.
THE drifting camp of the four Russian scientists who have lived on the Polar ice for over six months is fast approaching the danger line, latitude 80 degrees North. Latest report puts them at 82 degrees 23 minutes.

There the icefloes begin to crumble swiftly and sweep down the east coast of Greenland.

The floe on which the camp is situated has already showed signs of cracking, after drifting nearly 800 miles from the Pole.

In the continuous arctic night and in 70 degrees of frost, members of the expedition are packing for a quick move if they are driven to find firmer ice.

Radio operator Krenkel has rigged a portable transmitter and receiver on a sledge and plans have been made by the others to move their instruments and records.

Latest message from the leader, Papanin, shows them still cheerful, despite the danger.

"When the plane comes to take us back," he radioed, "we shall probably ask the pilot to stay a

CO-OPERATION between Britain and Portugal in the past has greatly facilitated British trade, and in view of the present international situation the British Government is becoming anxious as to Portugal's future relations with dictatorship countries.

Consequently the question of sending a British military mission to Portugal for the purpose of improving relations between the defence services of the two countries is again occupying the attention of the British Cabinet, and although no decision has yet been taken in this regard it has been officially revealed that conversations have taken place with Portugal.

These consultations are still in progress between Mr. Eden and the Portuguese Ambassador to London, the object of which is to find the best means whereby closer contact could be established between defence services of the two countries.

COMMONS QUESTION

When asked in the House of Commons what the object was of effecting this closer contact, Lord Cranbourne, replying on behalf of Mr. Eden said: "I think the House as a whole would be glad to have close contact between us and any other nation."

It is learned, however, that the main object of the Anglo-Portuguese talks is to devise means whereby greater mutual safety could be given the two countries. The present situation in Spain and the general international situation has prompted the British Government to approach the Portuguese Government with a view to strengthening the defence relations, as it realised that if Portuguese independence is threatened Britain's trade routes would also be imperilled.

There is, however, a strong political party in Portugal hostile to Britain and the British Government would be obliged to test the general feeling in Portugal through the Portuguese Government before finally agreeing to send a military mission to Lisbon.

PRESS COMMENT

An indication that Britain's co-operation, especially in the matter of colonies is welcomed, is afforded by the Portuguese Press, mainly on account of Germany's recent demands for the return of her former colonial possessions.

"England would never consent to profane hands and unfair ambitions being raised against her oldest and faithful friend, Portugal," states the "Diario de Lisboa."

The Portuguese Press is unanimous in stating that whatever happens the German claims cannot concern Portuguese colonial territory, which is out of the question.

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When they are gone;
Their numbers grow alarmingly
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—Dorothea Dowling.

ISAAC PITMAN'S GIFT TO WOMEN

"The vote may have been given to women by Miss Pankhurst, but Isaac Pitman gave a weekly pay envelope to many of them," said Mr. I. J. Pitman, grandson of Sir Isaac, the founder of the shorthand system.

Mr. Pitman was broadcasting from Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, to gatherings held at Wotton, London, Bath, Trowbridge and Edinburgh to celebrate the centenary of the system. More than 600 guests at Grosvenor House, London, heard the speech.

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hand than was already in use, primarily for the school of which he was headmaster. He believed that shorthand was an educational asset. Publishers refused his first system as it was based on one already existing, and advised him to produce his own.

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BRITAIN WARNS ITALY

Indignation Over Mussolini's Inspired Propaganda

MAY BE COMPELLED TO TAKE COUNTER MEASURES

London, To-day.

British indignation over alleged Italian anti-British propaganda in the Near East led to further sharp criticism of Signor Mussolini and the methods of the Italian Ministry of Culture in the House of Commons yesterday, the Under-Foreign Secretary, Lord Cranborne, making a lengthy statement on the subject.

The question was raised by Lt.-Com. R. T. H. Fletcher (Labour, Nuneaton) when he denounced the "poison pen" of Mussolini, and demanded that steps be taken to counteract this propaganda.

Replying, Lord Cranborne recalled Mr. Anthony Eden's statement a few days ago that this Italian activity was making it impossible for Anglo-Italian negotiations to begin.

HOPE NOT RELINQUISHED

He asserted that Britain had not relinquished hope of British representations in Rome having some effect, and stated that the commonsense of the Italian people should lead them to prevail upon their Government to desist from this type of harmful propaganda.

Discussing methods of propaganda, he distinguished between that which praises one's own achievements and type which tries to run down or openly denounce the achievements and endeavours of others.

Both types were undesirable, he said, but of the two the latter was the more dangerous.—Trans-Ocean.

SERIOUS QUESTION

London, To-day.

The Commons adjourned yesterday afternoon for Christmas and will reassemble on February 1st.

The subject of foreign propaganda and, in particular, Italian anti-British propaganda, was raised in the debate on the adjournment and replying for the Government, Lord Cranborne said that the general question of British news services was, at the present moment, under examination by a special committee appointed by the Cabinet.

"I can assure the House—this is direct evidence of it—we take this question very seriously indeed and recognise its immense importance, but pending the examination of it by the Committee, I think the House will forgive me if I do not make any further statement."

Coming to Italian propaganda,

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he referred to previous occasions on which the Government had made their attitude sufficiently clear. He thought there was no disagreement in any quarter of the House regarding this propaganda. They all hated organised propaganda from whatever country it came, whether it was Government-inspired, Government-controlled or merely Government-encouraged. They believed it represented one of the worst developments of the modern world.

PERNICIOUS

Of course, there were gradations of badness. There was propaganda in which a country boosted itself. There was also a form of propaganda which was far more pernicious, in which a country tried quite deliberately, or apparently deliberately, to detract from or depreciate its neighbours.

It seemed to him that that form of propaganda was bad from every point of view—from the point of view of the country that did it because the people of that country, if the propaganda was conducted through the public press, got a completely distorted idea of the world situation and that was a dangerous position for any people. It was bad also from the point of view of peoples of other countries if it was conducted over the radio because they also got a distorted impression, though to a lesser degree it was true for they were able, by other means, to get a truer impression. But the worst effect was on the relations between the country which attacked and the country which was attacked. Nothing could be so embittering to relations as a constant stream of

TROUBLE IN FRENCH AIRCRAFT FACTORIES

Paris, To-day.

Three nationalised aircraft factories, two at Argenteuil and one at Sartrouville, near Paris, were occupied yesterday by workers.

The men stated that their action was an expression of solidarity with workers at Colombes who had been threatened with forcible expulsion from a factory they had occupied.—Reuter.

SOVIET FAR EAST ARMY TO HOLD WINTER MANOEUVRES

Moscow, To-day.

It is reliably stated here that Marshal Voroshilov, the War Commissar, shortly make a tour of inspection in the Far East on which he will be accompanied by the Chief of the General Staff, Gen. Shaposhnikov and the Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Navy, Viktorov.

It is stated that the tour was planned twelve months ago but has been twice postponed, firstly, in consequence of Marshal Tukachevsky's "conspiracy" and afterwards in view of the campaign for preparing elections to the Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalists.

Marshal Voroshilov will be present at the winter manoeuvres of the Far Eastern army and will also inspect the Soviet fleet in the Pacific Ocean as well as fortifications now in course of construction along Russia's Pacific coast.—Trans-Ocean.

ther measures and he could assure the House they would not hesitate to take whatever measures they thought necessary or appropriate for the purpose. They did not want to have to take measures. They did not want strained relations with any other countries. What they really wanted was a return to the old confident friendship which had existed in the past with Italy. But that confident friendship required mutual respect and understanding.

Lord Cranborne concluded that if the debate served to show that all types of opinion not only in the House but in the country viewed the matter with concern. That the whole people of the British Isles were concerned about it from a very sincere desire conditions would so improve as to tend to lead to the restoration of Britain's old relations with Italy, he believed the debate would have served a very useful purpose.—British Wireless.

MEASURES POSSIBLE

On former occasions such representations had, to a certain extent, been effective. It was their hope and belief that the good sense of the Italian people would see to it they were effective again. If they were not effective, it was clear that sooner or later they must take fur-



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"CYMBELINE" REVISED

Mr. Bernard Shaw has rarely thought it necessary to apologise for his actions, and there will be some, no doubt, who will seize on his defence for having dared to rewrite the last act of "Cymbeline" as the first sign either of grace or of sensibility. Having read it, however, one may say with relief that there is no change. Mr. Shaw felt compelled to justify his collaboration with Shakespeare only because he had so often condemned his predecessors; he feels no unworthy scruples. (If one must have precedents, he argues characteristically, look not to Cibber's happy endings but to Mozart's additions to Handel's "Messiah.") Few would deny that "Cymbeline" can do with repairs. In two famous letters to Ellen Terry Mr. Shaw himself pointed out a few of its weaknesses on the stage, and in an effort to improve it the Birmingham Repertory Theatre long ago started a fashion by playing it in modern dress. To Mr. Shaw it has the attraction that the characters are not so hopelessly subservient to convention that they cannot be brought up to date. Posthumus, though sufficiently conventional to condemn his wife to death for alleged infidelity, later questions his own conduct in the right Ibsenite spirit. Cannot the other characters be brought up to date? The answer is, they can. Mr. Shaw has not been content to iron out the complications of the last act, but has made Imogen somewhat less of "the womanly woman." Without having heard the new version, one would not like to give an opinion on its quality as verse. Our critic promises that Mr. Shaw's lines are better than Shakespeare's worst, and no one who has read that stupendous drama "The Admirable Bashville" would question Mr. Shaw's ability to write blank verse. (He himself once claimed that it was far easier than

writing prose.) But Shakespeare has still one advantage: he is immortal, while Mr. Shaw is only eighty-one.

Colonial Marketing

Board

The December issue of "Crown Colonist" contains the composition of the Colonial Marketing Board, and a verbatim report of the speeches made at the inaugural meeting. The Board is representative of each of the political parties in Parliament, of large business interests in Britain and the Empire (including shipping), and of the Government departments directly concerned, namely, the Colonial Office, Department Of Overseas Trade, and the Imperial Institute. Sir John Chancellor has been appointed also to the Colonial Development Advisory Committee in order to act as spokesman of the Board on that Committee. Similar liaison will presumably be maintained with the Imperial Economic Committee through Mr. Clouston, who represents the Colonies on that body. We do not think the actual composition of the Board within the framework prescribed for it calls for criticism. The members are all obviously able and representative men, serving, as Mr. Ormsby-Gore said, without payment or reward. No doubt, except as regards the official representatives, various alternative suggestions could be made and especially it may be thought that Colonial producers might have been more fully represented, but this would have been difficult, and in any case, it must be remembered that the Board, besides having assessors and technical experts, will function mainly by sub-committees, to which other members can be co-opted.

Future Development

The speech which Mr. Ormsby-Gore delivered to the Board was a wide-ranging and statesman-like utterance, and may well form the charter upon which the Board will base its future policy. One phrase seemed specially significant. Mr. Ormsby-Gore said: "The creation of this Board is merely one item in the programme of Colonial development." It is interesting to hear that there is a programme of Colonial development, but it seems to be clear from the suggestions for future work which he went on to offer, and from the reply made on behalf of his colleagues by Mr. Clement Davies, that the Board will, in course of time, as its work grows and further experience is gained, itself tend to become a Colonial Marketing and Development Board. Mr. Davies said, for example, the Board would have "to investigate the present and possible productive capacities of the Colonies, taking into consideration the population, their standard of development, climate, soil, distance from markets, transport facilities, what they do, and what they can produce, can their produce be improved and what can be done to effect such improvement, can the transport facilities be improved and in what way?" Bearing in mind that the function of the Board is intended to be executive and not merely advisory, that sounds fairly comprehensive on the development side.

How Professor Found Out

How his scientific knowledge, coupled with a sense of humour, caused a scare was related by Professor J. B. S. Haldane, at a meeting in London.

After reading about "a terrible new substance" discovered in America that would make millions of people unconscious in the event of another war, he did a little investigating, and found that it had been made 70 years ago in Germany, but for some reason it was not used in the last war.

"Then," said the professor, "I wrote to the 'Manufacturing Chemist':

"Are you aware that Ethynol is being produced in quantities sufficient to render millions of people unconscious at Munich and Burton-on-Trent?"

"That started another scare...

"Now," added the professor, "Ethynol is the scientific name for alcohol, which, I believe, is to be found in what is vulgarly called beer."

Professor Haldane said he had not been brought up to take science seriously, because it was part of his life.

"I have passed no examinations in science at any University," he added. "I am only a quack."

When he was three, he said, his father started experimenting on him by taking samples of his blood. At the age of eight he was taken down a coal mine in a bucket and was told to stand up near the roof and say something.

"I recited, 'Friends, Romans, and countrymen,' but before I got to the evil that men do I tumbled down. That taught me quite a lot about fire damp."

"A little later the British Navy was so frightened of diving that the authorities said that before a man could go down 40 feet he must have months of training.

"My father thought that anybody could go down 40 feet at once, and, to prove it, he said, 'Here is my son. He is only 13. Throw him overboard.'"

"I went down all right," added the professor, "but the diving suit was too big for me, and when I was hauled up it was full of water up to the neck.

"In that way I found things out."

EMP. RUSSIA GOING INTO DOCK

The B.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama yesterday at 8.30 a.m. and left at Hong Kong on Wednesday at 5.00 p.m. and leaves Kowloon Wharf on the following day for Kowloon Dock for annual overhaul.

Fate Of Foreign Missionaries In Interior Of China

Shanghai mission headquarters are finding it increasingly more difficult to keep track of the whereabouts of their members of the Central China provinces as hostilities spread rapidly over a large area.

Meagre information through indirect sources can only establish the location of a small group of mission workers. These include five Americans at Kwangfoh, near Soochow, where they have taken refuge since fighting started in that area.

The five mission workers, who have with them a party of refugees and several mental patients, are

the Rev. H. A. McNulty, of the American Church Mission, Dr. M. P. Young, and Miss Lucy Grier of the American Presbyterian Mission (South), the Rev. C. G. McDaniel and the Rev. H. H. McMillan, of the Southern Baptist Mission.

5 RETURN TO SOOCHOW

It is reported that the five mission workers have been permitted by the Japanese military officers to return to Soochow to carry on their relief work, but no definite information to that effect has been

TRADE "GOING UP IN SMOKE"

British business men are reluctant to smoke cigars in case they appear too affluent.

This is one of the reasons given by a prominent trade official for the big decline in recent years in cigar smoking.

Since 1930 there has been a drop of 300,000,000 in the annual sale of cigars, and the trade is falling more rapidly year by year. Experts believe that unless there is a sudden revival in demand cigar making in England may become a lost art.

Parents are showing great reluctance to apprentice their boys and girls to the trade, owing to the uncertainty of its future.

INCREASE IN DUTY
Another reason for the decline is that the price of a good "weed" has risen about 100 per cent. during the past few years.

This is mainly due to an increase in duty from 3s 10d. to 9s. 10d. per pound of tobacco—a rise of nearly 200 per cent.

Last year nearly £75,000,000 was paid to the Government in tobacco duty, and this year the figure will show a further increase, because even more tobacco is going up in smoke.

SUBSIDISED CIGARS
Experts say that the demand for the cigar has fallen so low that only 50 per cent. of the country's productive capacity is now being used.

Yet in several Continental countries the cigar is the national smoke. Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Holland are typical examples. Holland goes as far as to subsidise the industry in order that thousands of people shall not be thrown out of work.

In a few weeks, however, the cigar business will have its annual impetus when all the smokers give all the fathers the usual box of "weeds"!

received by the mission authorities.

Information regarding the total number of mission workers in Nanking is also indefinite. As far as can be ascertained, the group include Dr. C. S. Trimmer of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. John Magee, Miss Grace Bauer, Miss Ira Hynds, Miss Minnie Vantrien, Mr. H. L. Sone and Dr. W. P. Mills.

Several American and British mission workers are also known to be at Wuhu. A partial list includes Dr. R. E. Brown, Dr. L. D. Morgan, and Dr. R. Morgan, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Miss

Florence Culley, Miss Florence Sayles and Miss Cora Simpson of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

The China Inland Mission station at Wuhu, according to the latest word, was being maintained by the Rev. E. A. Kohfeld, the Rev. G. T. Dunn and the Rev. A. Hayman. Women workers and families of C. I. M. workers have evacuated. The American Church Mission personnel at the Yangtze city include Sister Constance Anna, Mr. L. R. Craighill and Mr. E. W. Lanphear.

REMAIN IN HANGCHOW

Except for a small group which has evacuated, practically all the foreign missionaries of Hangchow are still staying in the city. The Church Missionary Society members include Bishop John Curtis, Miss D. M. A. Leathers, Miss E. M. Varley, Miss M. Woods and several others. The American Presbyterian Mission (North) as well as other mission organisations are maintaining a skeleton staff. Mr.

ANOTHER CHAPLIN DIVORCE?

Paulette Goddard Rumours

A sensational report has been received in New York from Hollywood, announcing the divorce between Mr. Charles Chaplin, world-renowned comedian, and Miss Paulette Goddard, long regarded as his protegee.

The couple had never admitted that they were married, despite repeated inquiries. The wedding is believed to have taken place on board the yacht Panacea during their trip to the Far East, and performed by the captain of the vessel.

Miss Paulette Goddard first appeared on the screen opposite Mr. Chaplin in "City Lights" and later again in "Modern Times."

Charles Farelough of the China Inland Mission is also in the lake-side city at the present time.

With Kiangsi province appearing likely as the next field of the Japanese campaign, many missionaries have started to evacuate from the area. Those believed to be still in Nanchang include the Rev. W. R. Johnson, Dr. W. E. Libby, the Rev. W. E. Schubert, Miss A. M. Wixon and Miss C. Huston of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mr. A. B. Lewis, Mr. E. W. Porteous, and Mr. R. H. Glazier, of the China Inland Mission.

At Kiukiang, another large group of missionaries is now staying in the city. These include Miss Evaline Gaw, Miss Deanetta Ploeg and Dr. E. C. Perkins of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Miss Helen Ferris, Miss Edith Fredericks, Miss Jenny Lind, Miss Leona and Miss Molly Townsend of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

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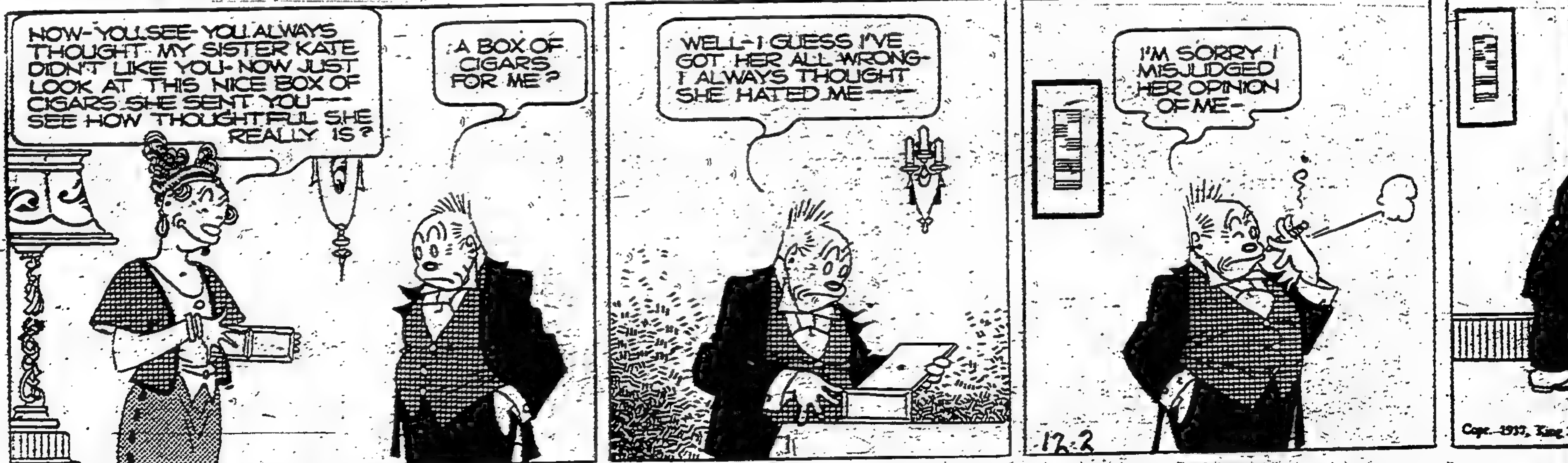


King George V. Unknown Soldier of Greece in wreath. On

(Left)—I cape painting (Fox Copyright)



Bringing Up Father



KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



CHINA MAIL

FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, DECEMBER 24, 1937

THERE is a house in London that I wish to Heaven I'd never lived in.

Not that it's in a slummy neighbourhood, or anything like that; there's nothing wrong with the road in which it is situate. It's in Hampstead—"select," I think, is the word. But let me try to get this strange story straight.

Have you ever lived in a London boarding house? You know, one of the "typical" sort. Solid exterior and Edwardian interior great, rambling, ramshackle places that get more gaunt and decrepit as you move up from floor to floor. There's a sort of "brooding" personality about them, mixed with mustiness. Inside, they seem to be stifling hopes in an atmosphere of dead dreams. You stand therein, while a dreadful feeling of futility creeps over you, and you raise your clenched fist to Heaven, and hiss desperately to yourself, "I must get out of here—I must!" But at the time there seems no escape.

Well, I lived in a boarding house like that some years ago, as a youthful scribe who had come up to London to do a Dick Whittington act, with golden illusions of becoming a "best-seller" in about a fortnight. The Michael Storm of those days had a lot to learn, you'll agree.

I parked myself, a few pictures, and a portable typewriter, in an attic room of No. 13, Shroudley-road, Hampstead. I had an idea that to live in an attic was "artistic" and, being callow, to be artistic seemed to me a necessary adjunct of literary endeavour.

I didn't know much about the house, apart from my attic. In any case, my stay in Shroudley-road was only brief. Even an "artistic" attic had to be paid for, and rent day began to be a recurrent Day of Judgment as far as I was concerned. So I moved out, to some place even more "attic-y" and proportionately cheaper, and forgot all about No. 13 Shroudley-road.

You see, I haven't a particularly good memory, and so much has happened to me in the intervening years that Shroudley-road was just one of the many addresses in those youthful years of ladder climbing. I couldn't possibly remember the numbers of all the houses I've lived in at various times.

That's why it is that the road was just vaguely familiar when the house agent mentioned it on the occasion that has impelled me to record this disturbing story. I only remember it as a road with big houses where one was, you'd say, very much like another. I mean, you could stand in one, and think you were actually in the one next door.

Well, a relative who had been very good to me in days when I hadn't a cent, had had a run of bad luck, and I thought it would be an idea to set her up in a boarding house, run on really modern and congenial lines, or something of the sort.

So I went out to Hampstead, and asked an agent for a list of vacant houses. On looking down the list I saw there was one in Shroudley-road—No. 13, I took it

THE HOUSE I LIVE IN

to be. The "three" was a bit of a botch, because the typist seemed to have had two or three stabs at it. Anyway, the rent of the place looked reasonable enough—and I was never superstitious about numbers.

"This one in Shroudley-road—" I murmured, half-remisscently, unable to remember for the moment if that was the one, where I'd actually lived.

"That's a nice house, sir," said the sallow young assistant to whom I'd been turned over. "Good position, Shroudley-road."

"Um," said I, still trying to "place" the number. "Might as well have a look at it."

Well, they drove me round in a car, and after looking at two or three "possibles," we turned into Shroudley-road. The sallow assistant, I might say, had turned out to be singularly unhelpful, a surly sort of fellow who seemed to hate answering any question relative to his job. It was a dismal, depressingly dark day, too, so I was not feeling unduly optimistic. But it is doubtful if that had much influence on the events that followed. For it was at this point that my house-hunting adventure became a darn sight too uncanny for my liking.

You see when I got out of the car I simply put my head down and rushed through the rain up the steps of that house in Shroudley-road without taking stock of the number on the stone gateway. In any case, it would have been all the same if I had, for, on looking afterwards, I saw that the number was chipped away.

I can't remember who opened the front door of the place, but it was opened, for I found myself inside. I waited for the sallow assistant to come and show me round—but he appeared to have gone back to somebody by the car, so I forged ahead by myself.

Everything in the house was very still, but that was only to be expected, seeing that it was supposed to be vacant. There was nothing untoward about the hall, though the place was now familiar; undoubtedly the same that I'd lived in years before. Of the downstairs rooms I'd known nothing in those days, so it was when I opened a door at random that I got a bit of a shock. The room into which I looked had obviously been a bed-sitting-room, like a number of others in the house—but I had never seen such a picture of desolate disorder as the scene before my eyes.

There was a crumpled bed, with a sheet dangling over the floor. A curtain that had escaped its hooks hung like a half-mast signal. A chair was overturned in the centre of the room, and by it was a single shoe. Two of the drawers of a chest gaped open, and lolling out of them were such items as socks, a shirt, and a faded undervest. There was dust everywhere—a dreadful dust that had settled like a pall.

Had it not been for that dust,

you might have thought that the occupant of that room had got up that morning, wrecked his room in a frenzy of fearsome rage, and then left hurriedly without troubling to pack his belongings. But I knew that nobody had lived in that house for a long time. Nor had I expected to find it furnished.

I passed to an adjacent room—a large room—and a funny shiver coursed through me as I stood there in the half-light, for it was getting darker now. The mummified furniture of this room was half-draped with dust sheets that looked like shrouds hurriedly pulled over sepulchral secrets, while the tapestries on the wall seemed to typify the hieroglyphics of the tomb.

The dust lay thick on a grand piano in a corner. I thought it time to make a few inquiries.

"I say!" I called out to the sallow assistant—there was no response from the fellow, and I concluded that he had left me to my own devices while he went on gossiping with the man by the car outside.

So I sat down at the grand piano. I never could resist a piano.

The shroud on it was heavy with dust as I pushed it back and lifted the lid. I played a bar or

in which I had first looked. There were hidden secrets whose clues I must know.

I peered into one of the drawers of the dressing-table, and a fragment of paper under a couple of soiled collars caught my eye. There was writing on that fragment of paper, obviously part of a letter.

"...don't be a fool, Bruton Bingham. This is your chance, and why be so damn squeamish about it? There are plenty of young lawyers who won't, unless you see sense? Perhaps you're content to go on stewing in a mouldy boarding house, when you might have—"

There was no more, but even I, with my bad memory, could hardly fail to remember the name of Bingham—Bruton Bingham, the scandal of whom had been spread over the front pages of the newspapers only a few months before. What an exposure it had been! Bruton Bingham looked upon as a great legal light, a man of wealth and position—a mouthpiece of justice, until those shattering revelations that had shown him to be in the pay of the ambiguous Bruton Bingham, a broken man at 45, who had died before sentence could be passed upon him.

And this letter—why, it must have been written at least 20 years before, when Bingham, a young lawyer, had been languish-

Short Story

By Stuart Jackson

two of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata." Only a bar or two. Even as the first echoes vibrated through the room, a chill shot through me. The chords were like breaking in on the dead. Sound seemed a sacrilege.

I left that room rather suddenly. A little of it was enough at a time. There was still no sign of that disinterested assistant, so I wandered along on my own to another room at the back.

This room was small, but fully furnished, and there were personal odds and ends lying about on the mantelpiece and on an occasional table. How that room brooded! I tell you it was the most uncanny of the lot.

For in it hung an unmistakable atmosphere of death. I seemed to smell anaesthetics, and there were one or two medical works lying negligently and dustily on a bedside table.

I went into two other rooms, each suggestive of strange things which affected me queerly. But somehow I couldn't leave the house—yet. It was as though it had a queerly magnetic quality which kept me there in spite of myself. There was, I felt, something I had to discover about it; something that concerned me.

I hesitated to go upstairs to the attic. Besides, it was too dark now to find my way up the stairs.

And still that uncouth assistant came nowhere near me.

I found myself inevitably, insidiously drawn back to the room

ing in this place waiting for a brief. Twenty years! Strange

Again I went back to that wraith-wrapped room where something, unseen yet potent, had seemed to rise in protest as I touched the keys of that piano. Was there a clue here, too, to that sense of the uncanny that filled me with foreboding, yet at the same time fascinated me?

Searching around the room, I found a pile of old music in a corner—of the kind that is usually known as "classical stuff." Much of it was scored and marked in pencil in a rather peculiar manner. The word "left" was written at frequent intervals on the treble stave, and there were other signs that seemed to indicate an attempt to extract a "full" effect while only employing one hand.

Maybe, this would not have been apparent to me—for I am no detective—but for the name I ultimately found on one of those pieces of old music. A name that I remembered because the story associated with it had embedded itself on my mind not so very long before.

Maybe some of you will recall the tragic evidence recounted in the Coroner's Court concerning Peter Carey, a young man whose career as a pianist had promised so well according to the reports, until the ghastly accident that deprived him of his right hand,

(Continued on Page 2)



"Olympia Through the Ages," the impressive display given by the Diocesan Girls' School on the occasion of breaking up for the Christmas holidays. ("Mail" photo).



Group photo taken after the wedding of Mr. A. W. Black and Miss Mary Hyde at the Kowloon Union Church. ("Mail" photo).

CABBAGES AND KINGS

An independent old lady is reported to have refused the old age pension unless she is permitted to work it out. Mutiny on the bounty, as it were.

Amazing!

Scientists are still puzzling over the fact that in a basket of strawberries, in direct contradiction of a well-known law of nature, the heaviest specimens somehow always rise to the top.

More Statistics

If all the spinsters of marriageable age in Hong Kong were to stand one behind the other they would form a single file.

Male Fan

"Wish I could go to Hollywood!"

"Why, Jean, what's wrong with Hong Kong?"

"Well, over there in Hollywood I'd be able to marry all the fellows who've been proposing to me lately."

His Lucky Day

"What! Cutlets, chops and fish all gone? What a restaurant! Here, give me my hat!"

"I'm afraid that's gone, too, sir."

Four In One

The girls of a South African Normal College (writes a correspondent) say they intend to marry men of brains, character, adequate incomes and a nice sense of humour. That's all very well; but it does sound rather too much like polygamy.

Another Scot?



Then there was the out-of-work who passed his time standing in front of a bank, because he liked to think that he had ample funds behind him.

Warning

A legal authority has pointed out that man-traps are illegal in this country. It is presumed he includes platinum blondes, dimples, "and all that."

Scorer!

The League of Nations cannot stop wars. But at least it is keeping the scores.

Very Neat

Wife (discontentedly): "John, do you really think I'm going to wear this old squirrel coat all my life?"

Husband: "Well, squirrels do, darling!"

Net Profit

"Fisherman Leaves \$2,000."
—Headline in newspaper.

Only Right

In America a man has been granted a divorce owing to the exaggerated interest his wife took in crossword puzzles. But she was given the custody of the dictionary.



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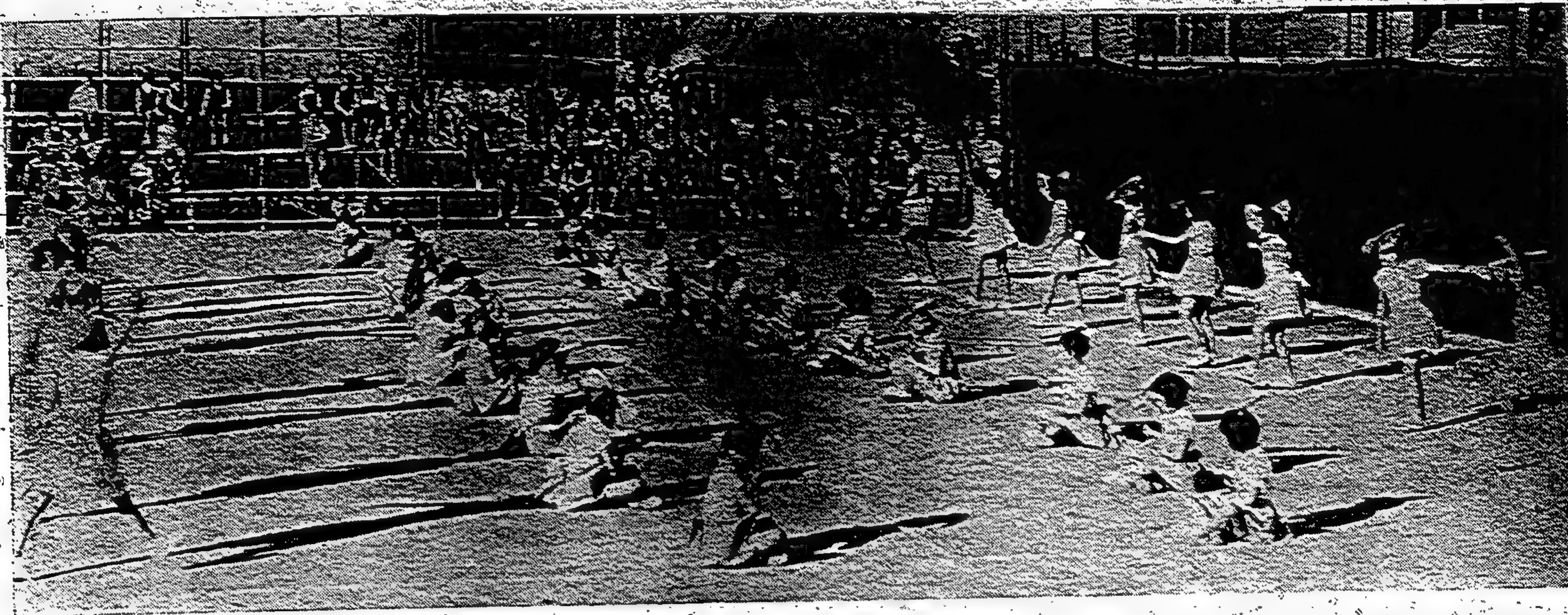
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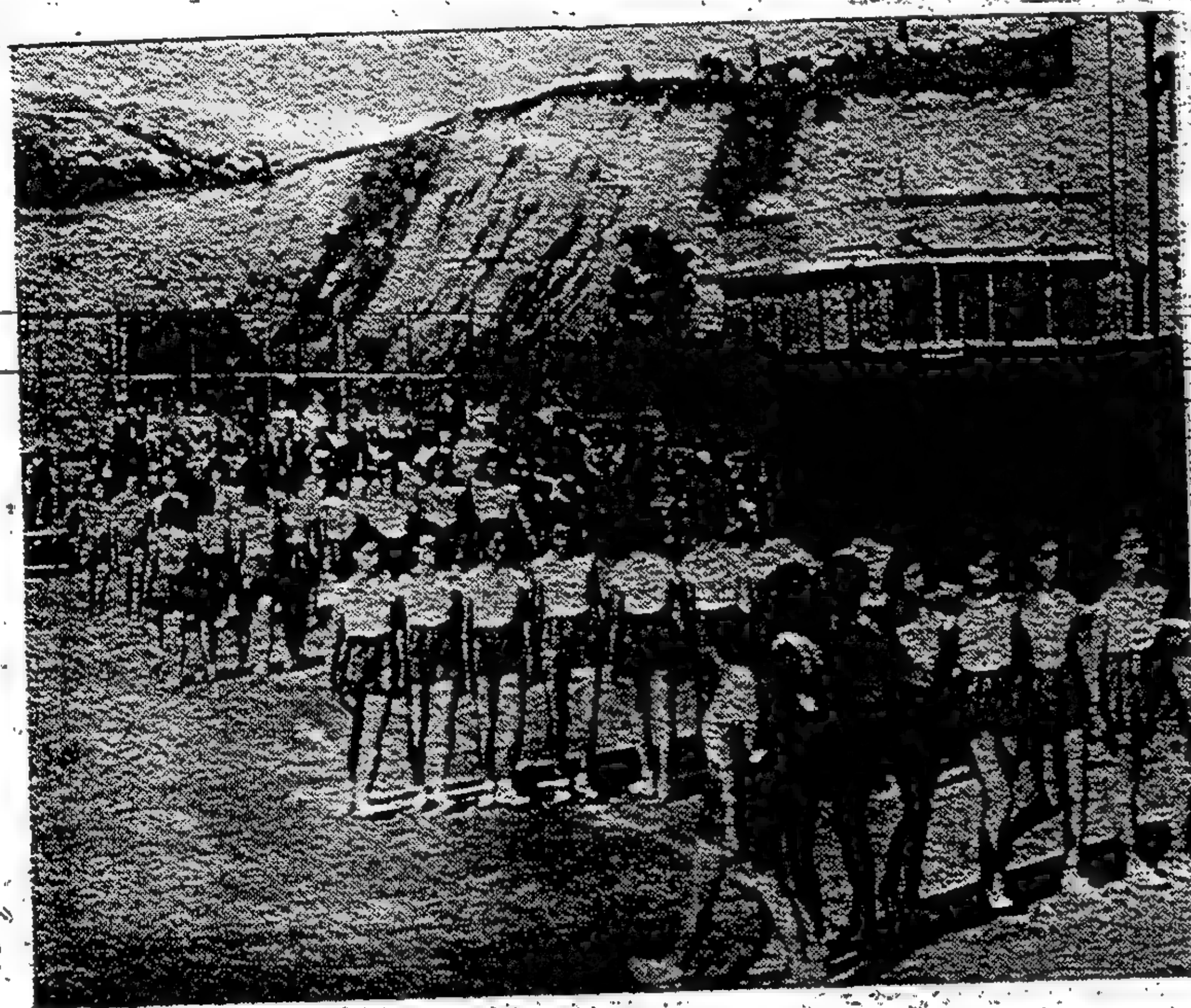
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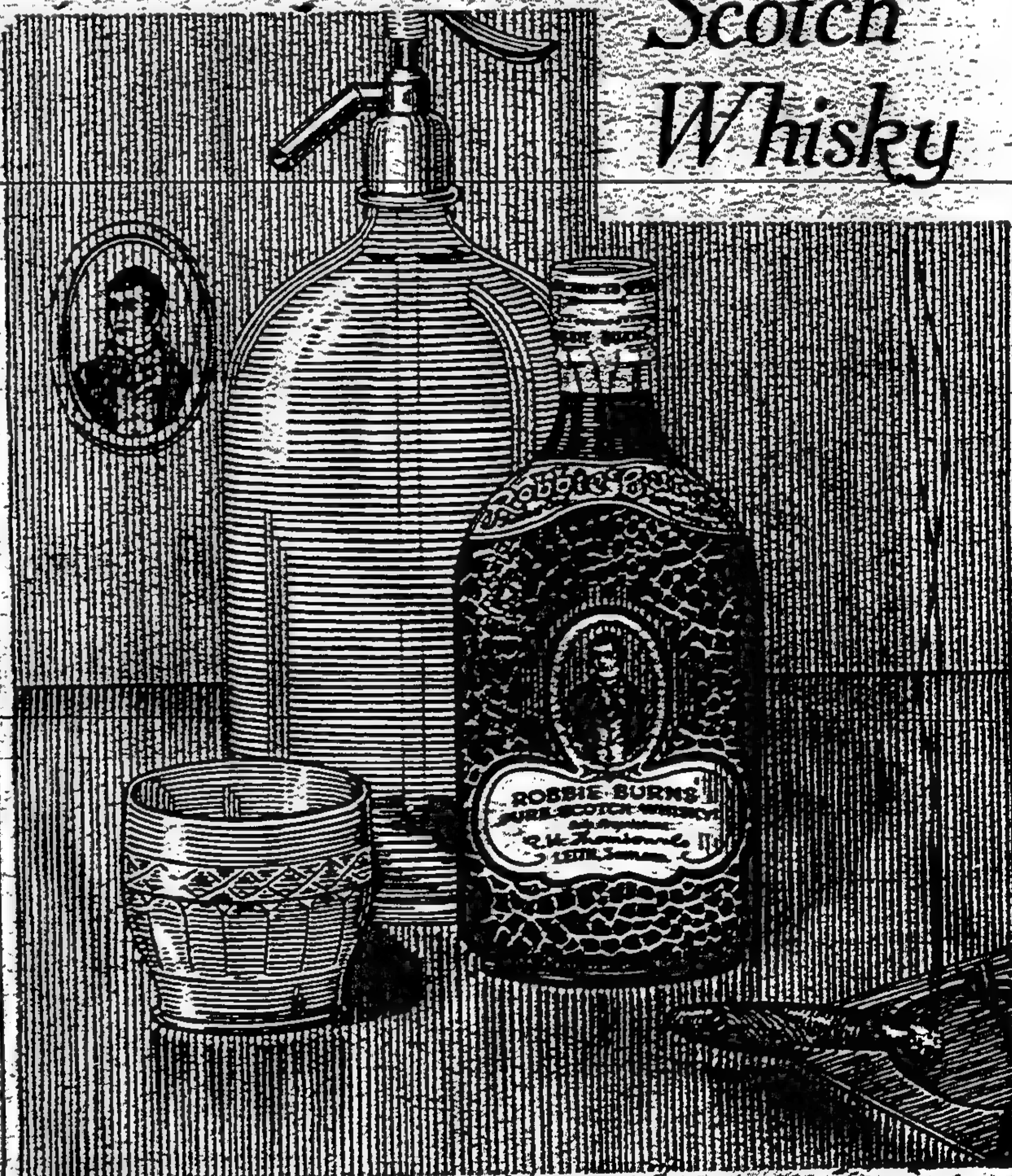
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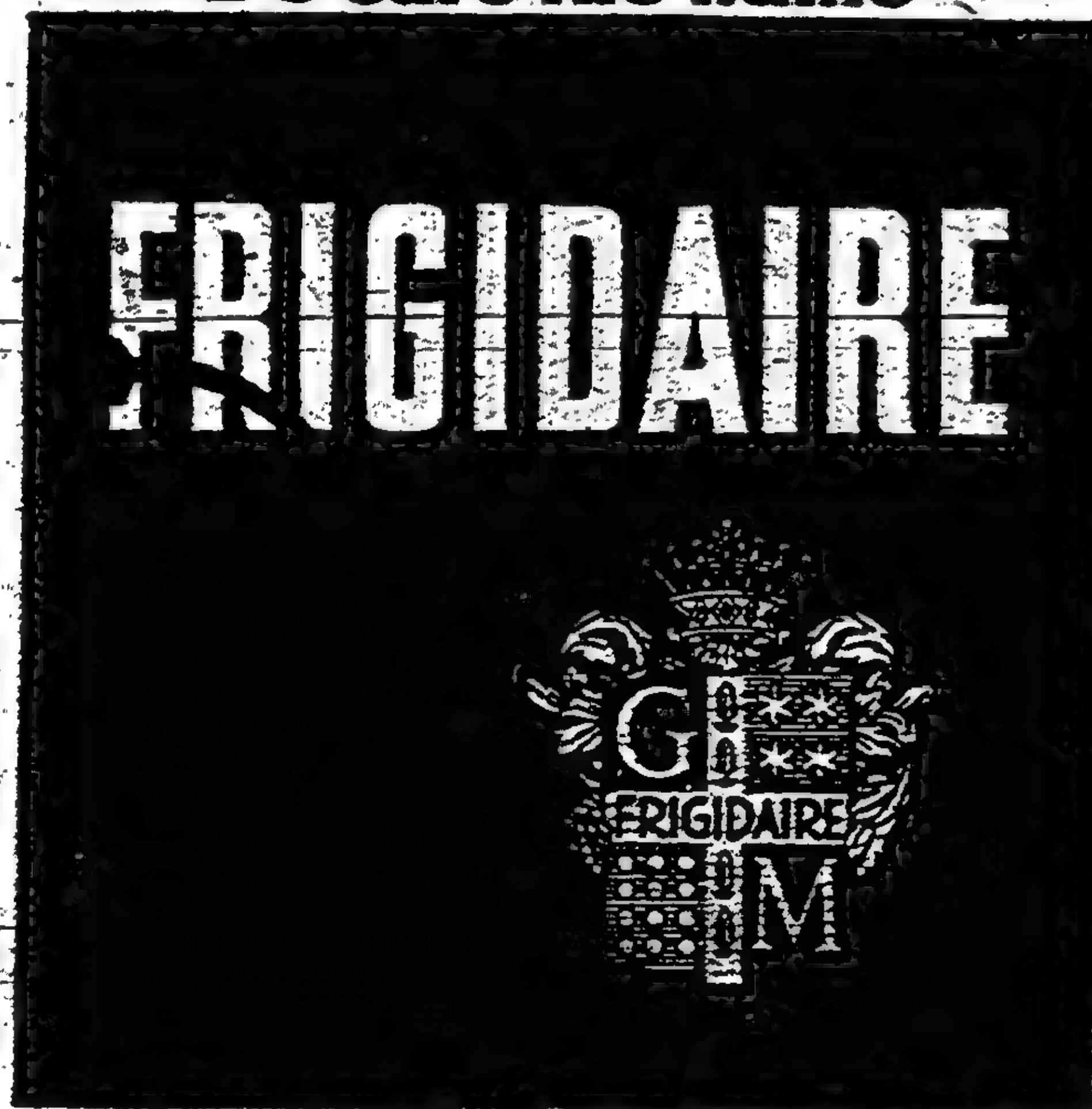
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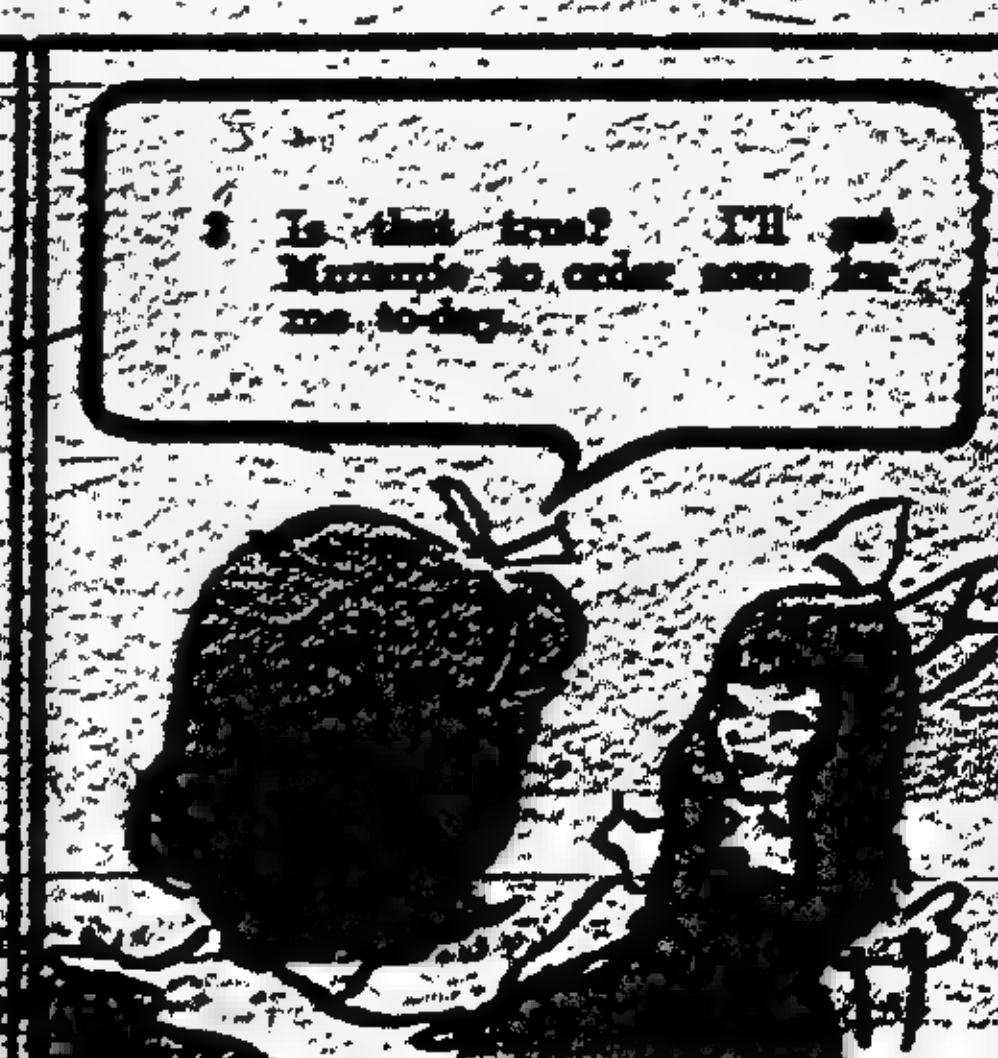
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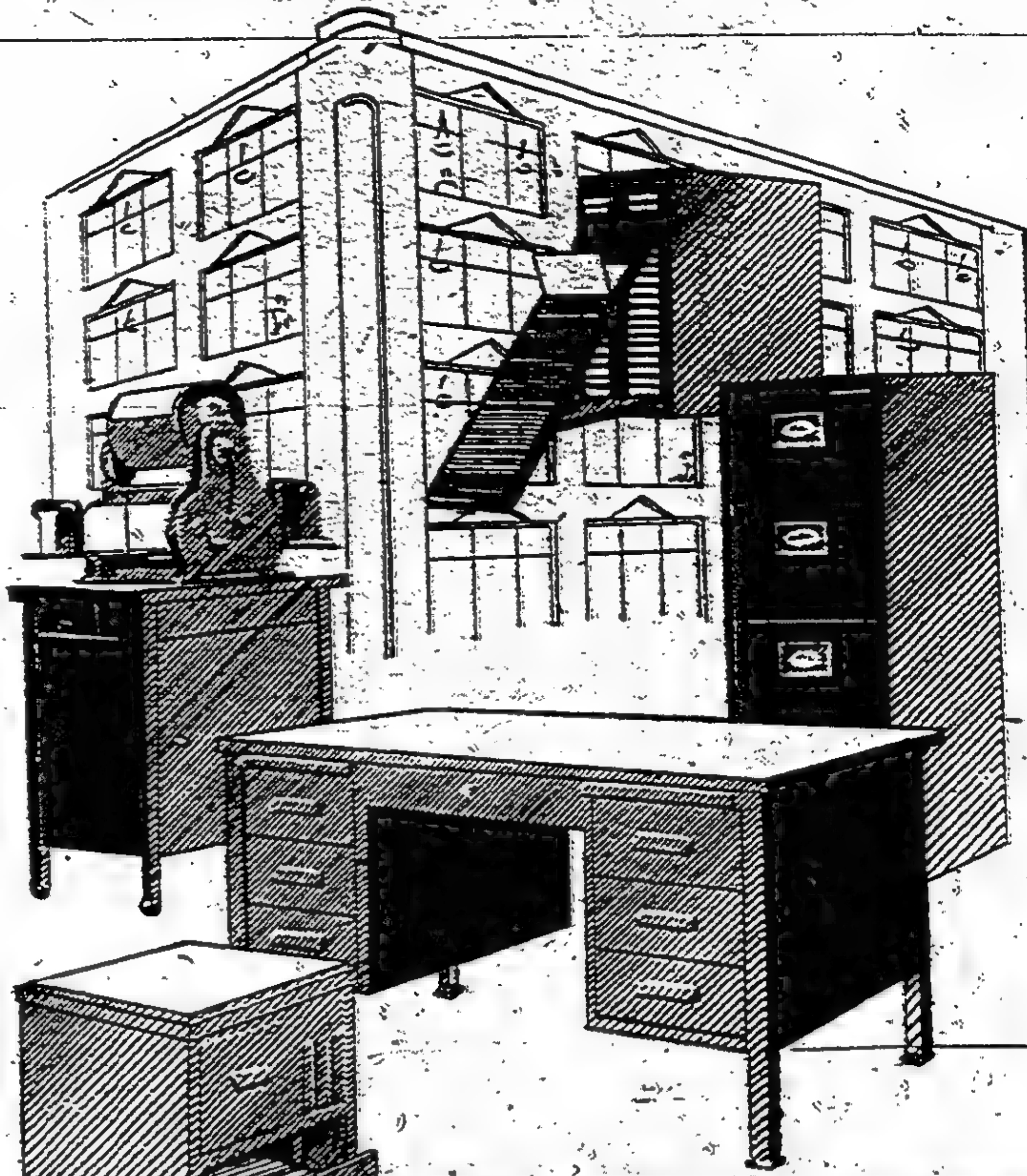
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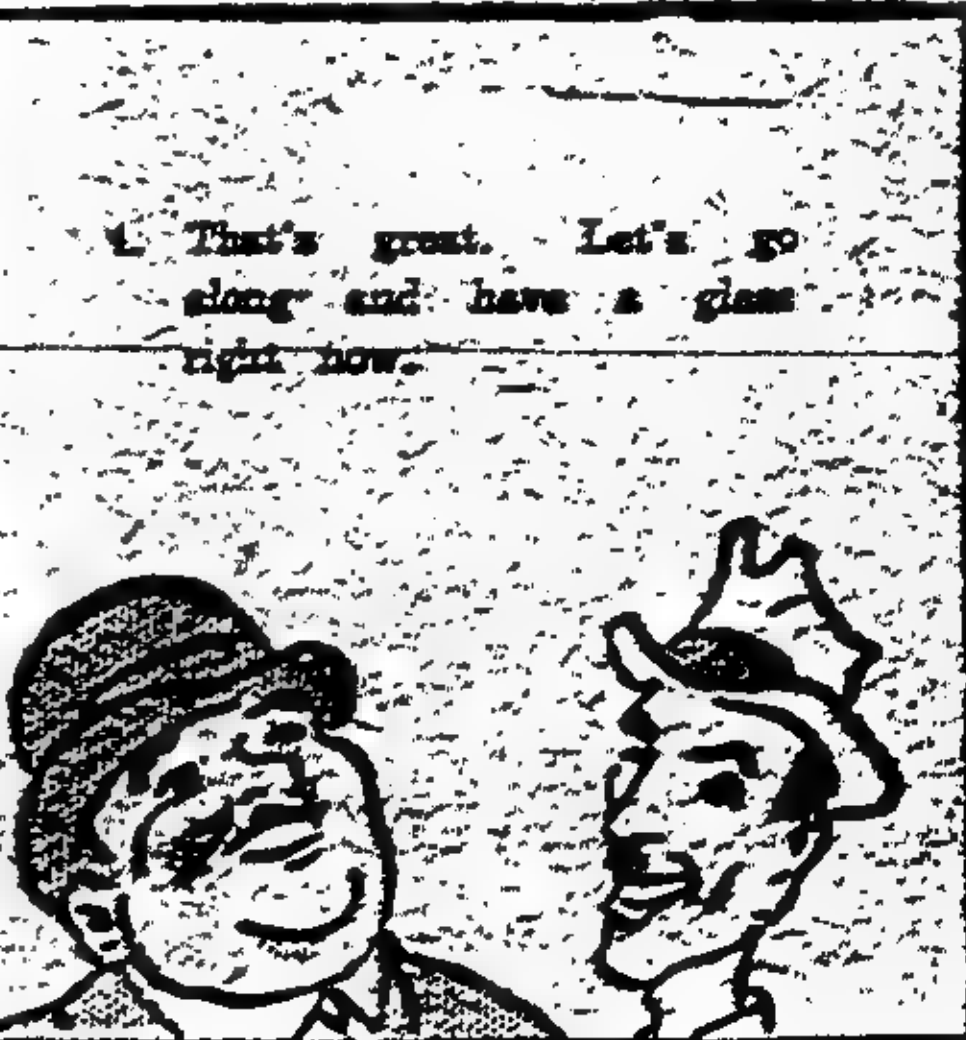
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FLYING-OFFICER A. E. CLOUSTON, hero of the South African record-breaking flight, who left on his honeymoon on December 4, is one of the central figures in a first-class "air fight."

His companion on the flight, Mrs. Betty Kirby-Green, considers that she has been badly treated by the Royal Aero Club, and has let them know what she thinks of the affair.

A few days after confirmation of arrival times at Capetown had been received from the air authorities there, the Royal Aero Club recorded their official recognition of Flying-Officer Clouston's achievement.

Their decision was forwarded to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale for official recognition in their lists.

But no mention was made of Mrs. Kirby-Green. On learning of the omission Mrs. Kirby-Green wrote a letter of protest to the secretary of the Royal Aero Club.

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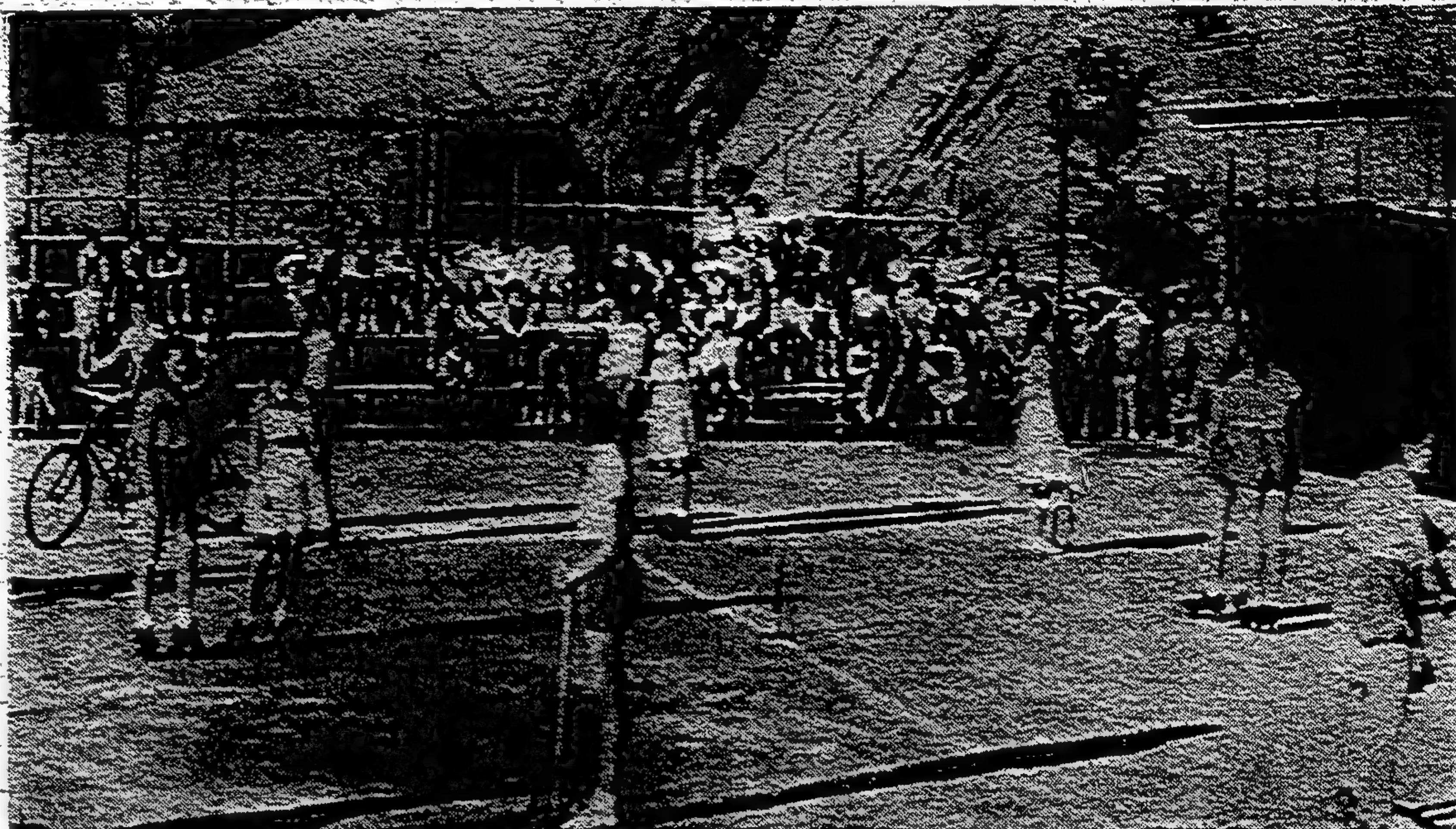
"This appears to be a marvelous example of non-existent British sportsmanship," she said. She contended that, although she was not a highly-experienced pilot and neither took off nor

made landings, she piloted the machine during half the flight.

Her claim is supported by Flying-Officer Clouston, who declares that he could not have made the flight alone in the time.

The Royal Aero Club, however, is not likely to alter its decision. "No offence to Mrs. Kirby-Green was intended," the secretary, Commander H. E. Perrins, C.B.E., said, "but under our rules, by which we must abide, recognition could not be given to her."

"It must go to the man who was the first pilot, and who took off and made the landings. As far as we are concerned Mrs. Kirby-Green was a passenger."



Cycling and roller-skating are part of the training given to the pupils of the D.G.S. This picture was taken during last week's demonstrations. ("Mail" photo).

Princess Has A New Hobby

PRINCESS ELIZABETH returned to London from Scotland with a new hobby which will keep her happy for many hours this winter. It is the collecting and mounting in jewellery of the semi-precious stones found in Scotland.

The Princess was so struck with the agates and cairngorms which she saw in Scottish brooches that she has been industriously searching the rocks near Balmoral to find these stones for herself.

Before leaving the Castle the Queen summoned Mr. Norval Strymgeour, a Fellow of the Antiquarian Society of Scotland, and one of the most enthusiastic collectors of Scottish gems. He gave the Princess many hints about the kind of rock in which agates and pebbles suitable for mounting were likely to be found.

Queen Interested

"The Princess," he told a Scottish friend of mine, "is receiving the utmost encouragement from the Queen and from her grandmother, the Countess of Strathmore."

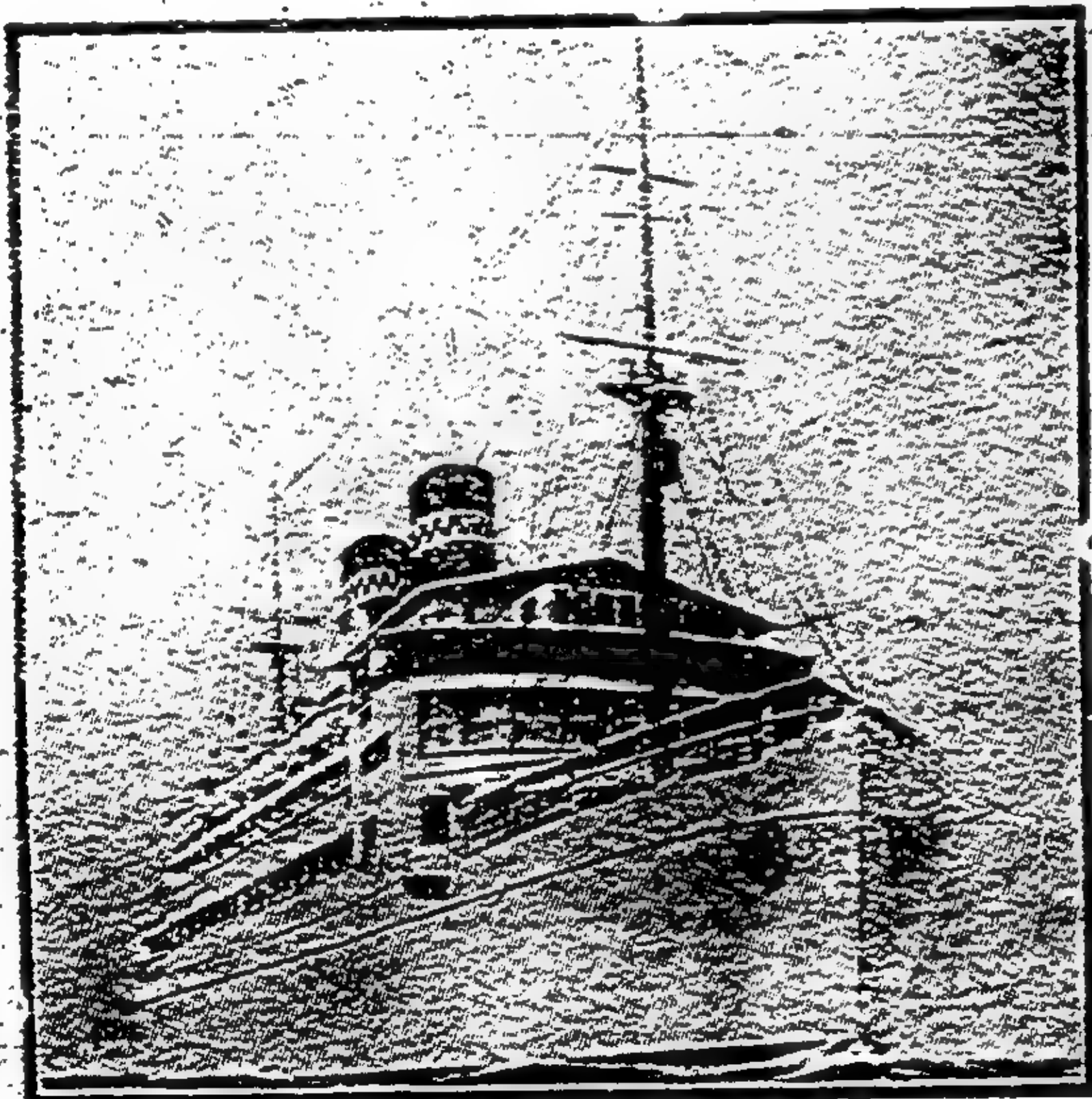
"I was very happy to be able to give the little Princess, through the Queen, some hints as to what to look for, and to find that the Queen herself is very much interested in the precious stones of Scotland, and that she thinks a larger use might be made of them."

"The Queen accepted for Princess Elizabeth several specimens from my own collection of gems, and for herself a beautiful example of a 'granny's brooch,' one of the old plaid jewels of Scotland. It consists of a big pebble set in silver. She pinned it on the dress she was wearing."

Granny's Brooches Popular

These "granny's brooches," by the way, are enjoying a vogue among the smart young women of London. Grandmother's jewel-case is being hastily ransacked for brooches which a few years ago would have provoked shrieks of laughter if anyone had attempted to wear them. They certainly look very effective pinned in the folds of the now fashionable draped black jersey cocktail dresses.

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SATURDAY AT THE MAJESTIC

THE HOUSE I LIVE IN

(Continued from Page 1)

a loss that had driven him to suicide. I knew now why my elementary strumming in that room had seemed like sacrilege.

I knew, too, that every room in that house had taken on the personality of its occupant, and had lingered there even when the house was empty and desolated.

Back in the third room, for instance, was all the atmosphere that one associates with the medical student. There was, though, a dreadfully depressing sense of failure and frustration here, of cramped ambitions, and of effort that had made a futile struggle against some more potent power. I felt the personality of one whose presence lingered because fate had found him unprepared. And there was the overwhelming conviction that someone had died in this room.

Maybe you will consider that I am over-sensitive to impressions, and that it was silly of me to make conjectures. But remember that I, too, had lived in this house years before. I knew the amalgamation of struggles and strivings, of hopes and despairs, of loneliness and desperation that represent the individual units under the roof of "the typical boarding house."

Yet, as I stood alone in that place in the gathering darkness, there came to me a weird feeling of an unreality that was yet so real. Present seemed to have passed. In its place was an uncanny conviction that I had walked back into a past that had a sinister bearing on the future. A flood of the early fears which had beset me in unfledged days rushed back to me, so that my stomach seemed to turn over within itself, as in the period of my life when to-morrow had been a tremulous uncertainty. I felt. . . But how can one catch the abstract adequately, and say, "It was this way," or "it was that way!"

But I tell you that there was an underlying omen, the touch of the tragic seeping through the interior of that house in Shroudley-road. One felt it had affected everybody who had lived there.

I left it at last, for the memory of days I would rather forget was becoming unbearable; and as I walked out I found the sallow, and unassisting assistant by my side, condescending to open the door of the waiting car for me.

"That's a peculiar house," I said, trying to "draw" him.

"I thought it would be rather suitable for your purpose, sir," said he, in an injured sort of way, as though he had taken a great deal of trouble.

"Surely other people must have commented on its—er—peculiarity?" I suggested. But he seemed quite blank about it, as though with no notion of what I was talking about.

We got back to the offices.

"Well, Mr. Storm," said the house agent, "have you found something that you like the look of?"

"I don't really know if—" I began.

He turned to the sallow assistant.

"Did you show Mr. Storm over the Shroudley-road property, Green?"

"Yes, sir, we went right over it."

Now, if there is one thing I can't stand it's the fellow who

lays claim to a job he hasn't done.

"You'll pardon me," I said—"but I looked at that one by myself."

"Why, sir," retorted the assistant, "I took you all over the house in Shroudley-road from top to bottom. No. 12," he added.

"No. Twelve?" I echoed. "I thought it was No. 13."

"No. 12, sir."

"But I am sure it was No. 13," I insisted.

Then that house agent leaned towards me in a placating kind of way, and, in the effort to "clear the air," sent a chill coursing down my spine.

"You must be making a little mistake. There's no No. 13 now," he said confidentially. "The owner—a most eccentric man—had No. 13 demolished a year ago because he couldn't seem to let it at any price. You see, Mr. Storm, something tragic seemed to happen to everybody who lived, or who'd ever lived, in the place."

It was then that a premonition took hold of me which I have not been able to shake off since.

For I knew that no demolition would remove the malign influence of that house, until all who had lived in it had—*What?*

STORIES WITHOUT WORDS

LIKE the literary industry, which it resembles in more ways than one, the motion picture has developed a vocabulary of clichés no less picturesque and no more hackneyed than those of its rival in creativeness.

In the spoken cinema drama many of these appear in dialogue, and in the days of the silent film the most famous of all was "Came the Dawn," which flashed on a thousand screens.

Tay Garnett, who directed "Slave Ship," claims credit for "Came the Dawn" in silent films. That was many years ago, and Mr. Garnett would like to forget this early enthusiasm. But from the historic point of view he thinks that there is quite a story in this subject. The most famous cinema clichés he attributes to D. W. Griffith.

"I think it was Mr. Griffith who invented turning the leaves of calendars to indicate the passage of time," he said. "I don't know how many feet of film and how many hundreds of titles he saved by this ingenious device. Also I believe that he created the fragile rose falling from the hands of a pretty girl to denote the loss of her love, and I know that he invented the listless drooping of a hand to denote the transition from life to death."

Well-Known Cliches

Mr. Garnett lists the screen's most famous clichés in this order:

The turning of the leaves of a desk calendar to denote the passage of time.

Close-up of train wheels revolving rapidly.

Dying petals of a flower to indicate death, disillusionment.

Cigarette dangling from a woman's mouth to prove her character is not what it should be.

The sewing of tiny garments



Photo taken during the Shield tie between the Middlesex Regiment and the Kowloon Chinese on Saturday, when the Middlesex won by three clear goals. ("Mail" photo).

to indicate an anticipated birth.

A man kicking a dog to show that he is the villain of the piece.

A couple walking into a sunset to prove that they are going to live happily ever after.

Close-up of a tree withering, then blossoming into flower, to show that spring has come to either the hero or heroine.

Last of all the character clichés: gnarled hands, to in-

dicate poverty; rolls of fat for unscrupulous bankers; lean, cadaverous faces for reformers; wavy hair for heroes; curls for child actresses, and megaphones for directors.

Mr. Garnett thinks that there ought to be a new dictionary of film clichés; the old ones, he says, are pretty well worn out. However, he believes that the cliché has its place.



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John Mulholland

ALFRED ADLER, the famous Viennese psychologist, who died a few months ago, first introduced the term "inferiority complex" to denote a feeling of inadequacy or maladjustment to one's surroundings. None of us is without some trace of it, but some of us have it very markedly.

Here is a chance for you to test yourself. Answer these questions "Yes" or "No."

- (1) Are you stubborn and argumentative when anyone contradicts you? ()
- (2) Are you suggestible? That is, do you always agree with others when they suggest that you should do something even if it is the opposite of what you had intended to do? ()
- (3) Are you very contra-suggestible? That is, do you always take the opposite course to that suggested to you? ()
- (4) Are you shy and afraid

Have You An Inferiority Complex?

- when meeting prominent people? ()
- (5) Do you find yourself showing off and drawing attention to yourself? ()
 - (6) Do you boast of your success and abilities, or of what you could have done if you had been given the chance? ()
 - (7) Do you talk about yourself, about your illnesses and bad luck, about what people say about you, and so on? ()
 - (8) Do you feel misunderstood, that people do not appreciate you as they should? ()
 - (9) Do you brood over a slight and feel that you have been unjustly treated? ()
 - (10) Are you bashful when you meet a good-looking girl (in the case of women, when you meet a handsome man)? ()
 - (11) Do you try to boss and dominate your friends of the opposite sex? ()
 - (12) Do you day-dream much of being a Schmeling or a Greta Garbo? ()
 - (13) Do you wish that you could have always remained a child and never grown up? ()
 - (14) Do you feel jealous when someone in the office gets a rise and you do not? ()
 - (15) Do you wish you had been born someone else? ()

SOLUTION

(1) Stubbornness usually springs from a desire to call attention to yourself, and that desire is due to a feeling of inferiority.

(2 and 3) A person who always allows himself to be influenced by others suffers from a feeling of inferiority; but so does the individual who is very contra-suggestible.

An affirmative answer to all the other questions shows that you are afraid other people will not put the same valuation on you that you put, or would like to put, on yourself.

You know the old saw that a bully is always a coward. It is because he is a coward that he blusters and bullies in an attempt to prove that he is not.

Have you noticed the number of physical "weeds" and misfits in life who worship brute strength and perhaps join aggressive movements? This is due to a desire to overcome their feeling of inferiority and prove their "superiority."

If you answer "yes" to ten or more of these questions you have a pronounced inferiority complex; if you answer "no" to ten or more of them you are free from the inferiority feeling.

If your score is between these two extremes you are, like the man who set the questions, an average person.

COLOUR BY TELEVISION

(By DOUGLAS WALTERS)

COLOUR television is no longer the dream of scientists, but a reality, and research engineers in London are bringing it to perfection.

Working in secrecy at his laboratory in Sydenham, S.E., Mr. J. L. Baird, the television inventor, has achieved his greatest ambition—the reproduction of images on a large screen in their natural colours.

Recently he told me how films and objects had been televised in colour from the Crystal Palace and received on a screen several feet wide.

"Colour television," he said, "may soon be applied to cinemas, and also to a television-telephone, which would enable women to see fashion plates, samples, and choose hats and dresses when many miles away from a shop."

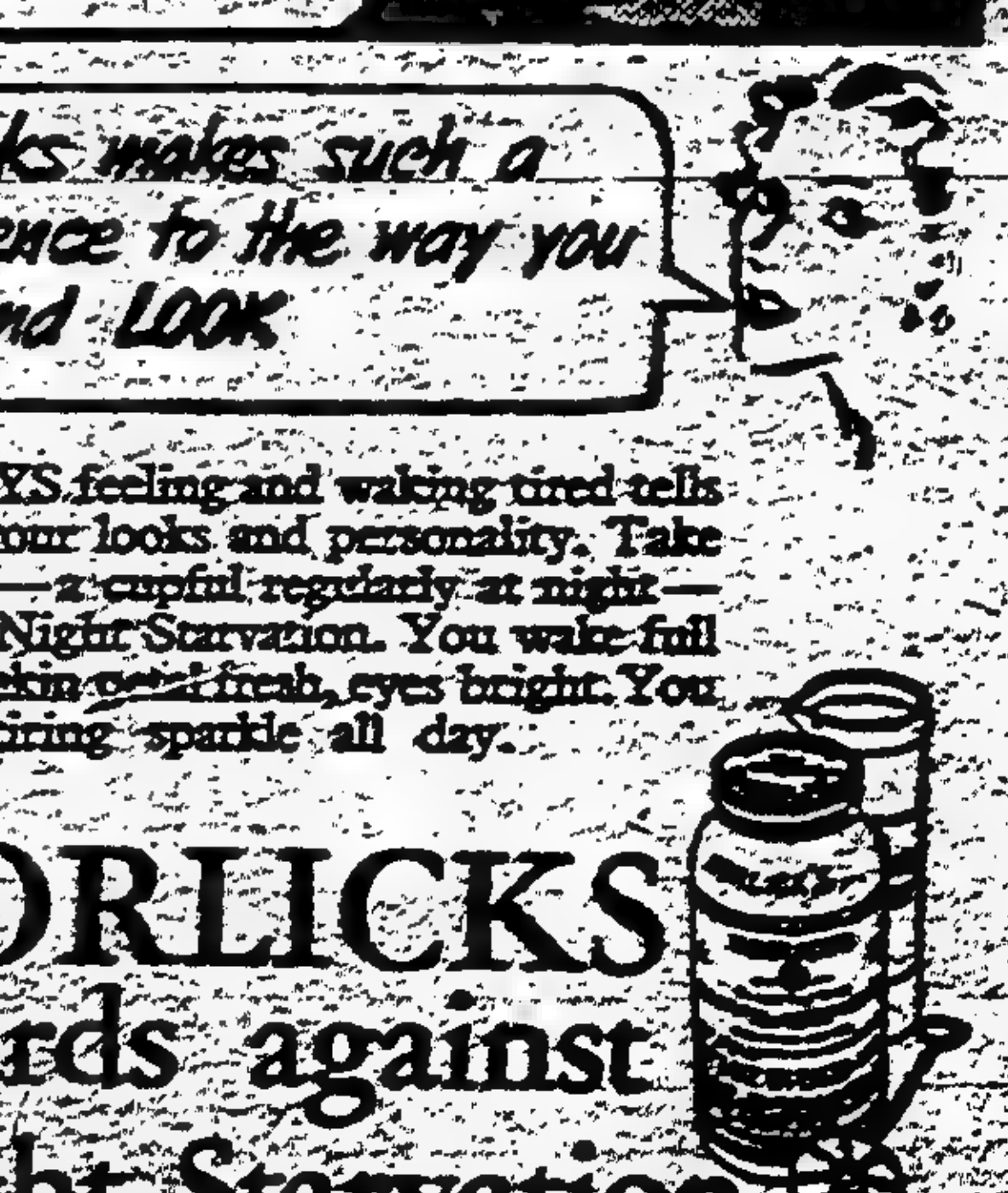
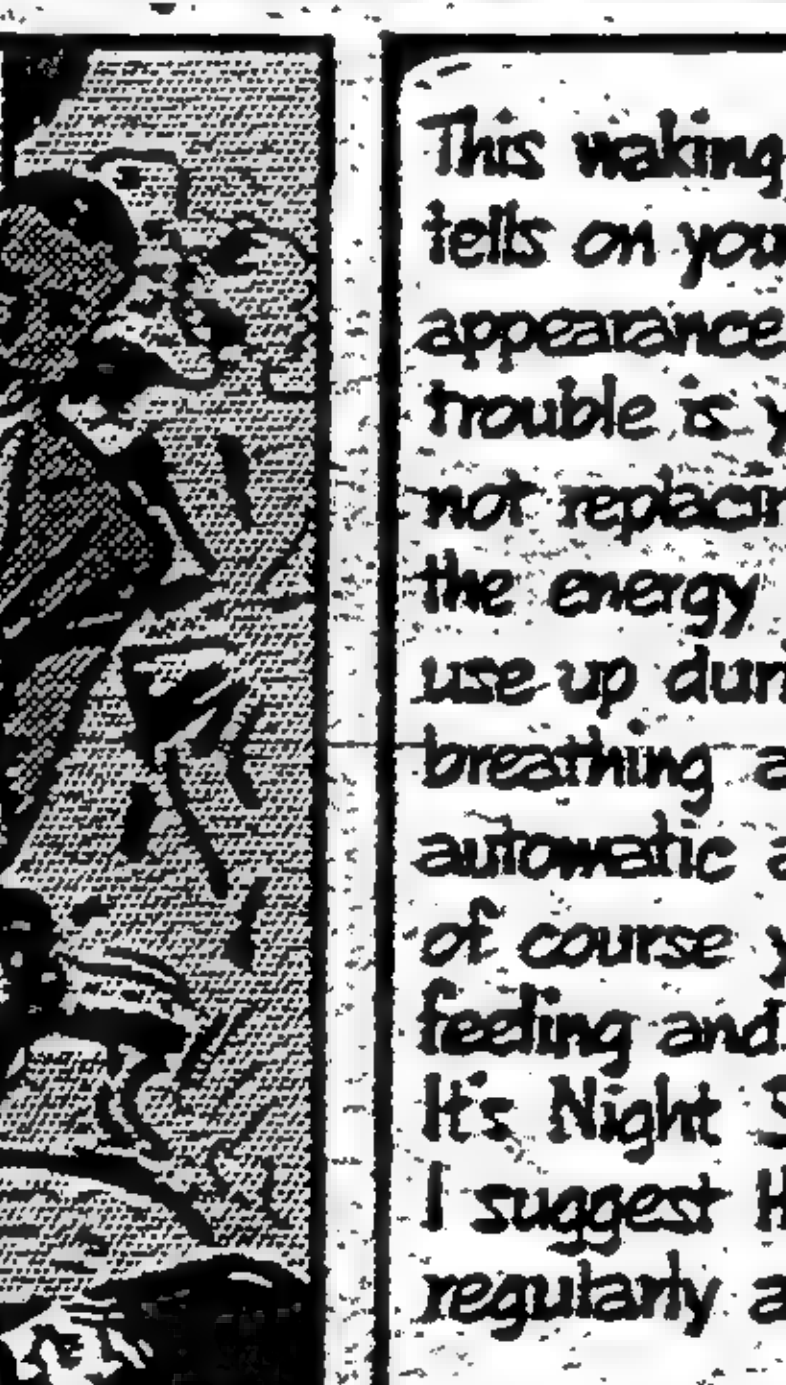
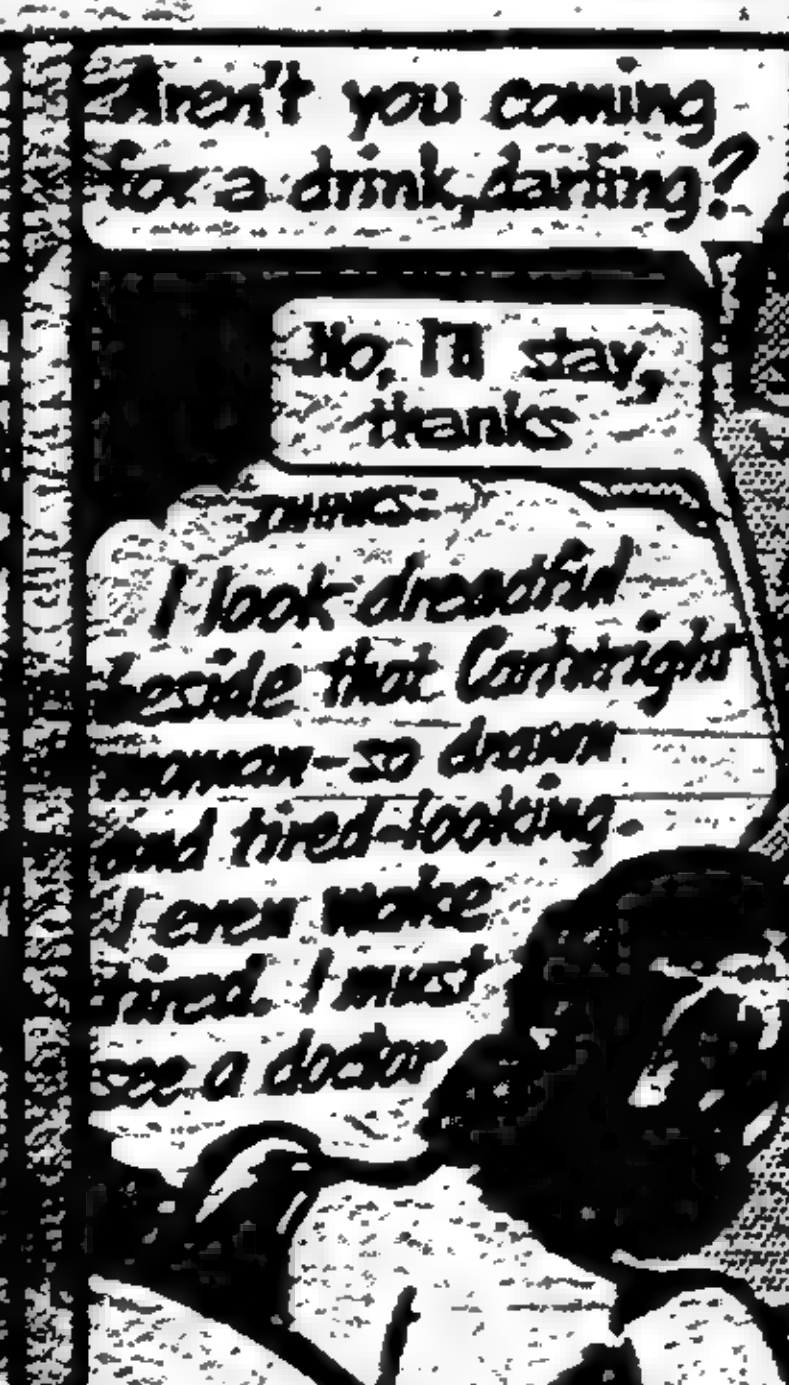
Nine years ago a crude system of colour television was demonstrated to the British Association at Glasgow. The pictures were only about one inch square, compared with the large screen of the new system.

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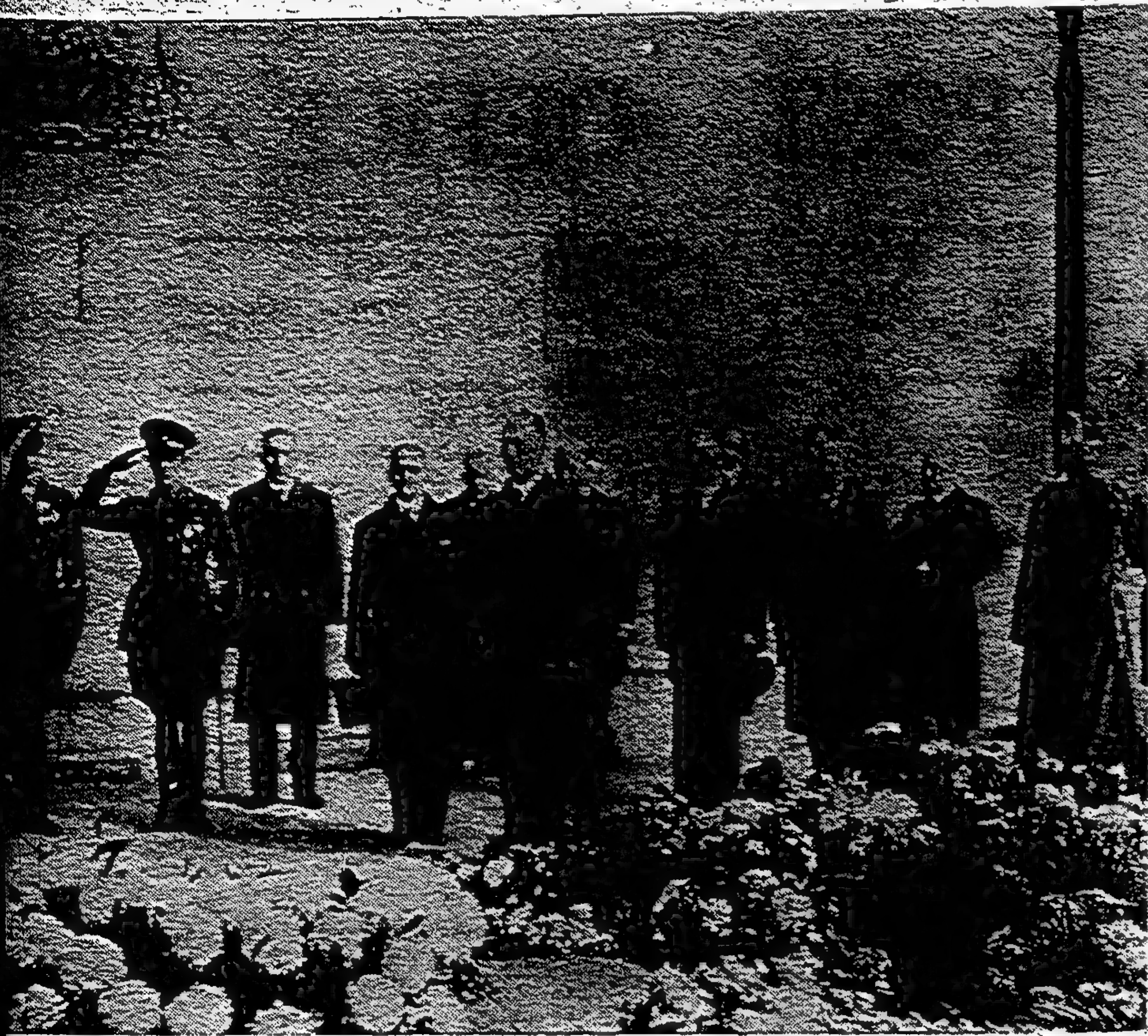
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King George II of Greece shortly after his arrival in Paris, went to lay a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe. Photo shows The King before having lunch with the President of the French Republic. The extreme right is General Gouraud, Military Governor of Paris. (Fox Copyright).

Prince Eugen, a brother to the Swedish King is here seen at work with some of his lands in the south part of Sweden. His car has been specially fitted to carry his material.

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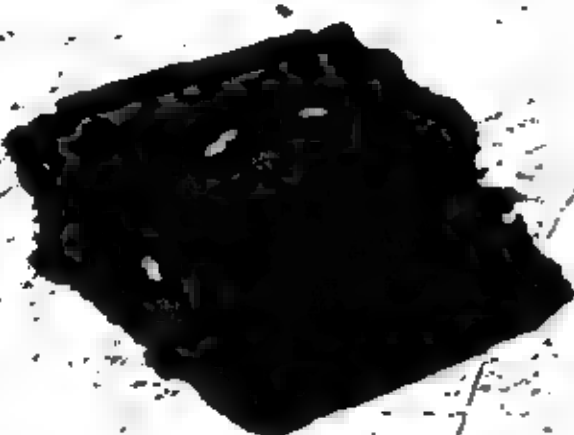


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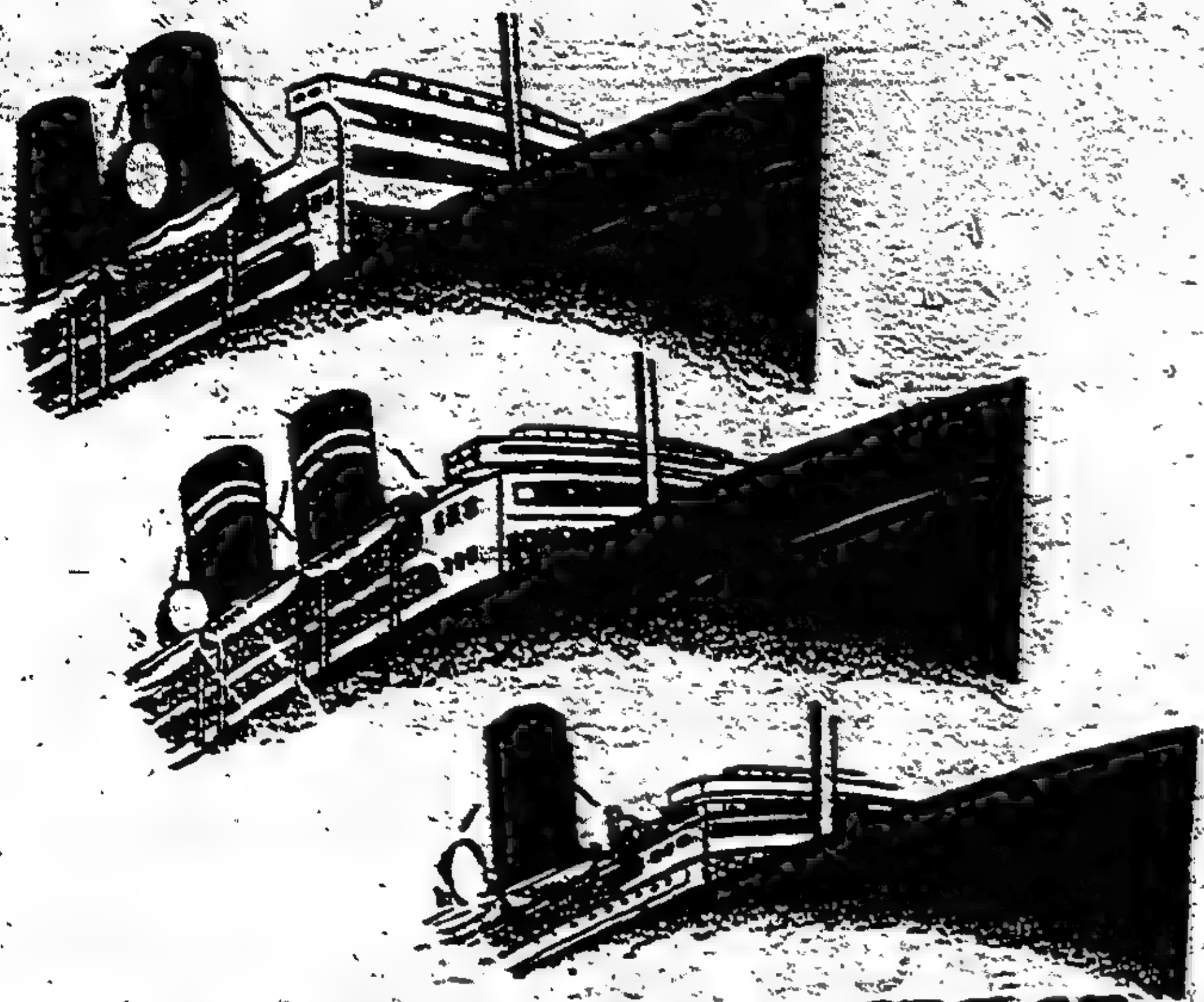
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Straits	Dencalion	December 25.
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Friday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Chung On	Dec. 24, 8.15 a.m.
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Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Reg.	Dec. 24, 9 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 24, 9.30 a.m.
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A.C. Airways Direct Service"	Kowloon P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 25, 6 a.m.
Kongmoon	On Lee	Fri, Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Japan & "Europe via Siberia	Corin	Fri, Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A.	Emp. of Canada	Fri, Dec. 24.
Central and South America and "Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only—due Vancouver B.C., 12th January, 1938.	Parcels	Dec. 24, 1 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kingyuan	Fri, Dec. 24, 3 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 6th January, 1938.	Atsuta Maru	Fri, Dec. 24.
	Reg.	Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 24, 5.30 p.m.
Saturday		
*Straits and "Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 26th January, 1938.	Dencalion	Sat, Dec. 25.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 25, 10.15 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 25, 11 a.m.
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	Ord.	Dec. 25, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Ranpura		Sat, Dec. 25.
Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 21st January, 1938.	Par.	Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 25, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Dec. 25, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon & Pakhoi (via Kongmoon) Fook On		Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
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	Reg.	Dec. 25, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
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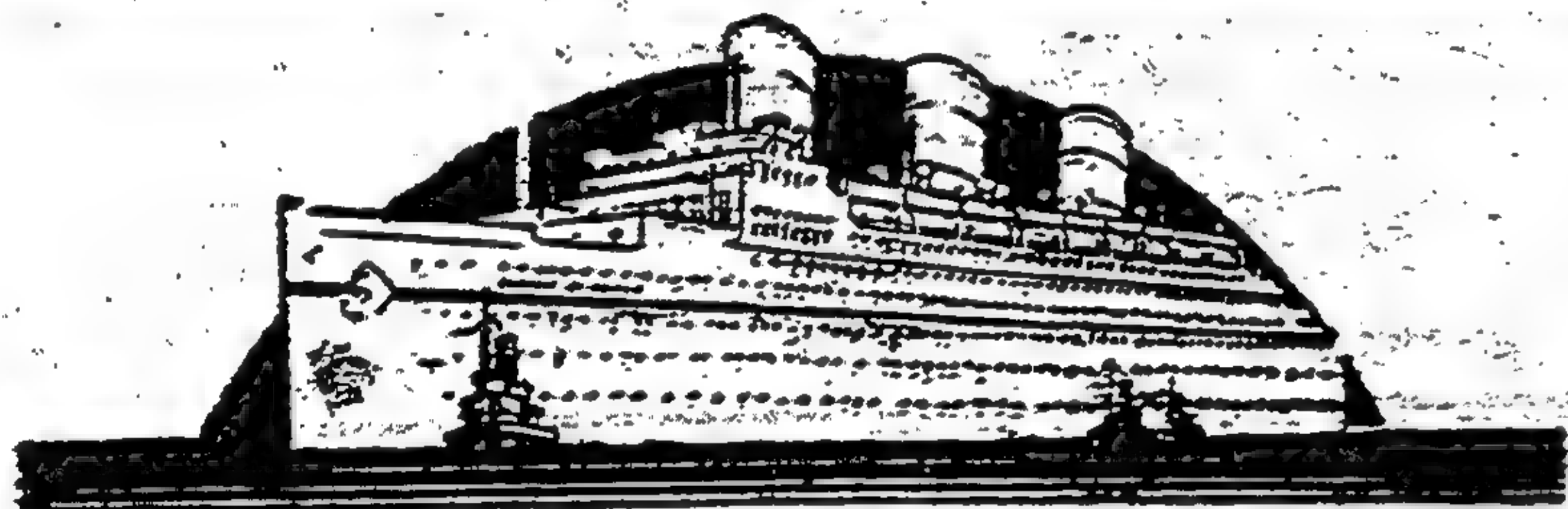
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"A" COY. MIDDLESEX WIN ARMY LEAGUE SOCCER TITLE

"A" Coy. Seaforths Lose Keen Game

"A" Company, of the Middlesex Regiment, yesterday won the Army Football League when they defeated "A" Company, of the Seaforth Highlanders, by 2 goals to 1 in the final at Sookumpoo.

The game was very keenly contested, and the deciding goal came from a penalty taken by Nowell. The Middlesex, however, deserved their win on their performance yesterday.

The Seaforths would probably have suffered a heavier defeat but for a brilliant display between the sticks by Ainslie, who brought off a number of good saves.

Both teams shone in defence, which was in no small measure responsible for the score.

Both attacking lines were slow and sluggish in their movements.

Nowell and Watson, full-backs, Goodair, centre-half and Ferguson, outside-right shone for the winners, while the Seaforths were best served by Ainslie, in goal, Brown, left-back, Smellie, centre-half, Dixon, outside-right, and Gilchrist, inside-right.

FIRST SCORE

Ferguson opened the scoring for the Middlesex by bundling the ball into the net after Ainslie had fumbled it, following a period of midfield play. The Seaforths retaliated strongly and from a clearance, Smellie took a long shot from the centre of the field, which passed through Jennings' hands.

Towards the end of the game, the Middlesex were awarded a penalty, from which Nowell scored the deciding goal.

Middlesex—Jennings; Nowell and Watson; Crowley, Goodair and Claridge; Ferguson, Samuels, Devonshire, Whitehouse and Sadler.

Seaforths—Ainslie; Reed and Brown; Fleming, Smellie and Lowrie; Dixon, Gilchrist, Burke, Graham and Ferguson.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Before presenting the prizes to the winners and runners-up, Brigadier F. W. L. Bissett said that the Army had the proud reputation of a high standard of football, and he was glad to see that this had been maintained.

Brigadier Bissett concluded by congratulating the Middlesex on winning the League, and the Seaforths for putting up such fine opposition.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERMON

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The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Churches of Christ Scientist tomorrow, December 26 will be "Christian Science."

The Golden Text will be, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." (Isa. 55:1).

Among others the following citations from the Bible will be read, "And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John His brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them; and His face did shine as the sun and His raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses, Elias talking with Him. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of Man be risen again from the dead. And His disciples asked Him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." (Matt. 17:1-3; 9:11. Rev. 12:1).

The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Elias' Prophecy—spiritual evidence oppose to material sense; Christian Science, with which can be discerned the spiritual fact of whatever the material senses behold; the basis of immortality. The twelfth chapter of the Apocalypse, or Revelation of St. John, has a special suggestiveness in connection with the nineteenth century. In divine revelation, material and corporeal selfishness disappear, and the spiritual idea is understood. Heaven represents harmony, and divine Science interprets the Principle of heavenly harmony. The great miracle, to human sense, is divine Love, and the grand necessity of existence is to gain the true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of heaven in man. This goal is never reached while we hate our neighbour or entertain a false estimate of anyone whom God has appointed to voice His Word. Again, without a correct sense of its highest visible idea, we can never understand the divine Principle."

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There was one thing only to do, one thing only, one thing only. The phrase beat a tattoo on the stretched drum-skin of his brain. There was one thing only to do. He must murder Stallings.

There was no interval of time at all between the precipitation of his emotion into words and his preoccupation with the problem of the when and how. Of course it must be a fool-proof murder. How the ghost of Stallings would cackle, if the murder boomeranged upon itself.

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He rehearsed all the various techniques and methods and decided to shoot him. That was the cleanest and neatest way. He hung about the public-houses in the East India Dock-road and picked up a revolver without much trouble. He set himself to find out all he could about Stallings's habits in his home on the Regent's Park Canal. He was very patient. Time did not matter.

There was a public-house on the further side of the canal. It had a big room on the first floor where they had free-and-easy sing-songs now and again. He gleaned a fact or two of great importance from that

point of vantage. He learned that, whenever Stallings was at home he never failed to take his dog out into the garden for a run after dinner at nine o'clock. It was always nine o'clock to the dot. Stallings was becoming quite a pernickety old gentleman.

It wasn't quite the garden he took the dog into. It had too much rockery and flower-bed and too little lawn for the dog to stretch his legs properly. He opened a gate in the iron railings and went out into a coarse strip of grass between the garden and the canal. On one side the garden and the strip of grass were bordered by a high wall of a warehouse that went straight down to the canal bank. There was nothing to be done on that side.

There was a warehouse on the other side, too, but it was conveniently separated from Stallings's house by a narrow alley. On this side a wooden fence continued the line of the garden down to the canal bank. The fence was finished off with a tangle of barbed wire. It was not impossible to get rid of the wire and worm one's way round the end of the fence into the strip of grass where Stallings took his dog for the nightly run.

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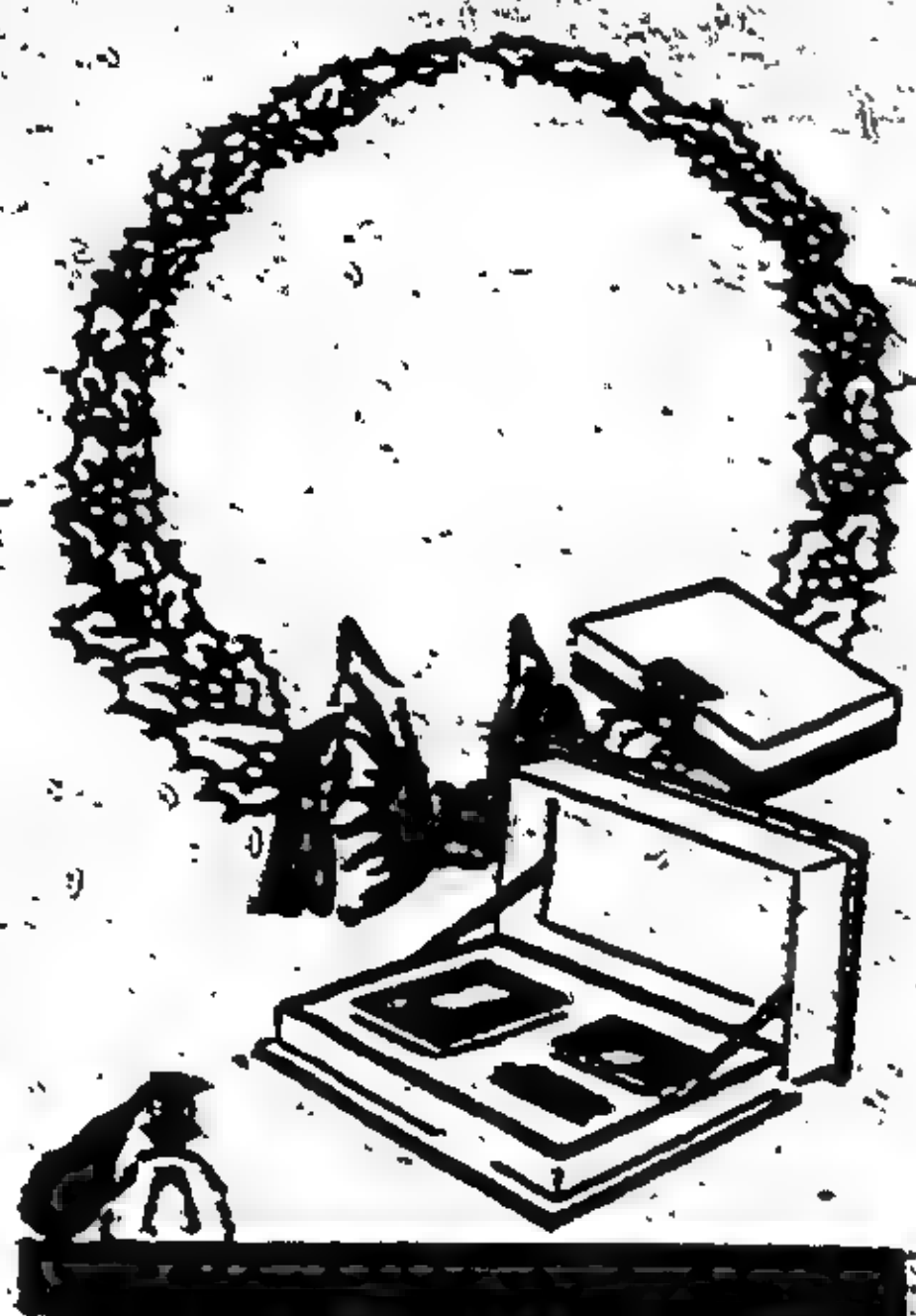
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FOOLPROOF
MURDER

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Fog was the essence of the matter. There must be fog that night. He waited through the spring and summer days. He thought the time had come one day towards the end of October, but a wind arose that evening and the fog moved. It was more mist than fog.

A few days later, as he came home from the office, he was startled by a loud report behind his ear. "Sorry, gov'nor!" a voice said. He turned round. A couple of errand boys were having a lark with fireworks. Of course, Guy Fawkes' Day was coming November the Fifth.

"Not at all!" he smiled magnanimously. "Go and buy yourselves some more!" He gave them sixpence. The more fireworks went off the next few days the better. He would shortly send one off too, he promised himself, if the weather got a little thicker.

He was there in good time on

the evening of November the Fifth, about twenty to nine, not too early. The conditions were admirable. It had been just foggy enough to make it rather difficult to find his way there. It was getting thicker now every minute. On the other side of the canal, beyond the public-house, small boys were letting off fireworks. You only guessed they were small boys. You could see nothing clear even though there was a lamp there.

There was no lamp on this side at all, no light except for two shafts that escaped from the curtains of Stallings's dining-room that had not been properly drawn to-night. There was that tangle of barbed wire at the end of the fence to deal with. It had been put up to prevent boys working their way round to the strip of grass that separated the house from the canal. He took out of his breast-pocket the pliers that he had bought many months ago in a street-market.

Then he snipped through the strands of barbed wire till the heap lay loose. Very carefully with his gloved hands he edged the stuff towards the water, where it sunk soundlessly. Then he worked his way round the edge of the fence till he found himself in the territory he had long planned to attain. The ground sloped down irregularly the last few feet towards the water's edge. He lay full length, waiting.

He did not need to wait long. He heard the click of the French windows as Stallings pushed them in front of him to step on to the lawn. "Come on, now, Jock! There's a good dog!" The dog seemed to hesitate. "Yes, a nasty night, isn't it?" agreed Stallings. The dog made up his mind to come. As Stallings reached the garden-path, there was a loud report on the further side of the canal. The dog started barking furiously.

"That's all right, Jock! Don't worry!" said Stallings. "Please to remember the Fifth of November!" He came forward a few yards. "Besides" he went on, "the little murderer is waiting for us, just by the canal there. But he won't shoot! He's frightened!"

A blackness heaved itself up from the shelving bank. There was another loud report. The dog barked furiously again, and went on barking, but no hand was put out to quieten him.

He flung himself to earth again, then withdrew his body at an angle towards the end of the fence. He was in complete control of himself. He worked round the end of the fence quite as competently as before. He was standing on his feet now in the alley between the fence and the warehouse. He turned and flung the revolver into the canal.

He was in complete control of himself. Oh, no, Stallings had been wrong this time if he had never been wrong before. He was not frightened, not frightened. He put one foot before the other steadily. He was almost out of the alley now, almost in the street now.

Stallings had known. What had Stallings known? Had he kept watch to-night at this small window here on the right? Had Stallings known the other

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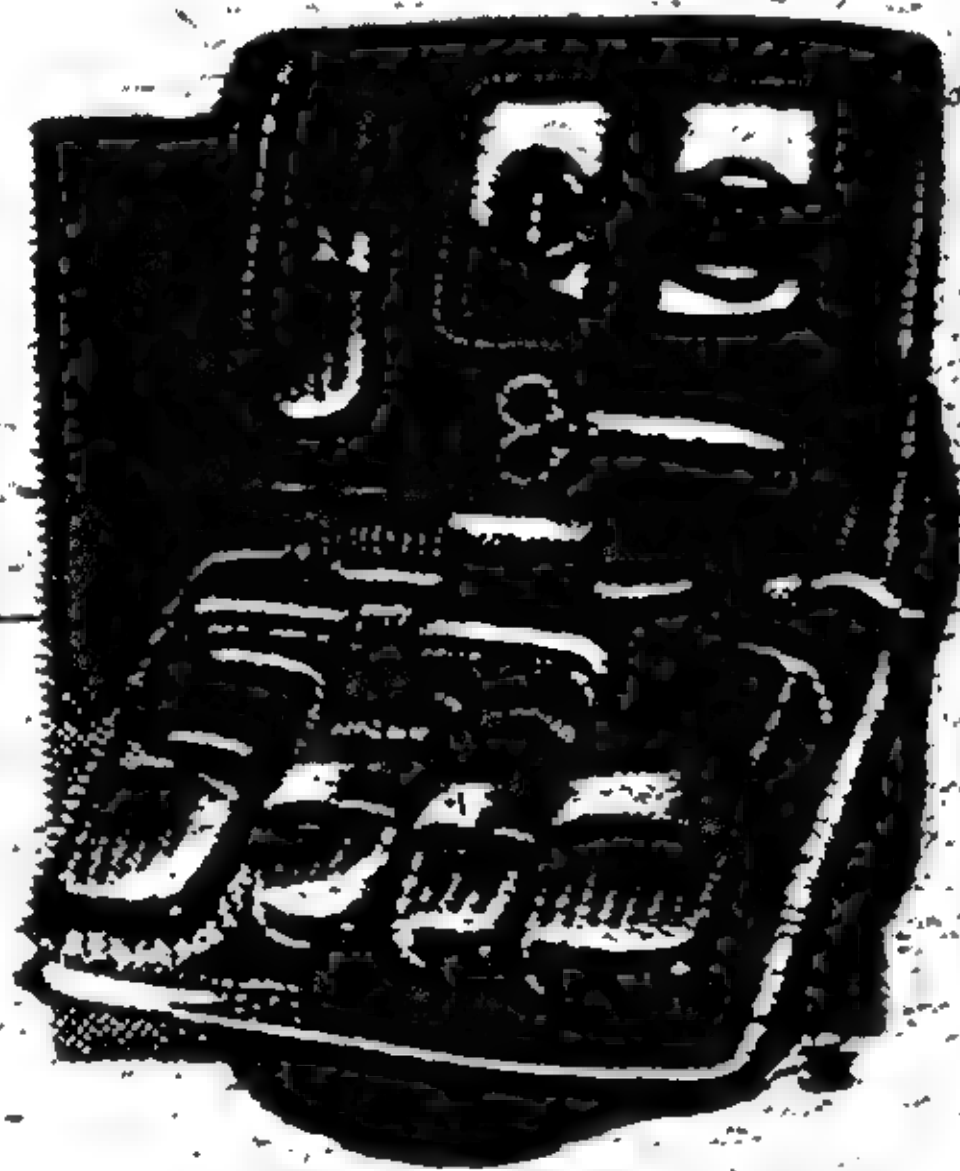
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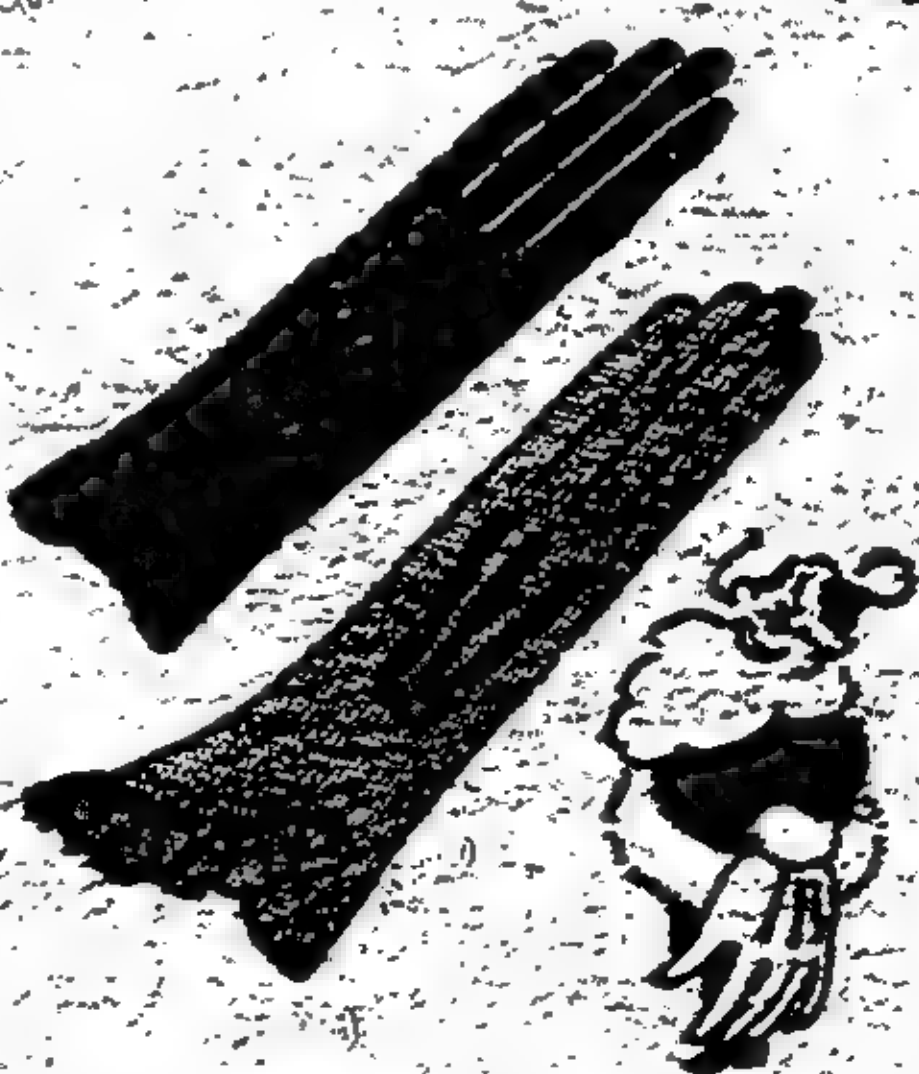
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By Henry Harris

MAN is the sentimental sex. On starlit decks, in trains hurry-soul to the senses, and often fails to try them—except by accident. He still harbours the delusion that the male pursues and the female is chased. Love in a man mostly goes from the senses to the soul, and frequently never reaches that goal. True, she gets around. Sometimes she is chased. Think it over carefully. There is a clue there that will explain many circles.

George Bernard Shaw—almost a quarter century ago—tried to disillusion him. Made it clear that woman is really the hunter and man the eluder. Fortunately for woman, more men respect Shaw than read him. And there are clubs, dances, evening classes, even church-going. If you still find you are not meeting men you like, consider seriously whether you shouldn't courageously change your job or the place where you live.

Almost every woman knows better. If she doesn't she has allowed false sentiment to muddle her ideas and confuse her instincts. It is not undignified or unwomanly to hunt your man. It never was. Such being the facts of life, learn to face them squarely.

Naturally, you cannot meet men—unless you go where men are. If shyness or loneliness prevents you meeting men, cultivate your young married women friends. You will meet their husbands' friends—in an atmosphere that is friendly from the beginning.

Being married the odds are that your friends will think you ought to be married, too—and will plot on your behalf.

If the couple is a happy one, their bachelor friends will begin to think more highly of marriage as an institution. And in comparison with the wife—with her children and domestic cares—you will seem fresher and more desirable.

Be "pally" with any handsome male relatives you have. The odds are they have some attractive friends.

Travel is cheap these days, and gives one social courage. Away from home one is more carefree.

Cruises especially (at a pound day) are a splendid investment as well as a perfect holiday. Planned tours have their value.

Business, too, offers chances—provided you are not obvious. Just a clue there that will explain many things.

Why you should not expect a man to be attracted by your soul, first. Why—at the same time—you should not expect him to stay attracted, unless you have a soul.

STEP TWO.—To make a man like you, don't be afraid to make a graceful gesture that will indicate to him in some way that his interest in you is returned.

Once he has this reassurance, you may beat a retreat. And leave his manly instincts to assert themselves. And be careful how you use indifference to spur a man on. If not used in tiny doses, it may wound his vanity more than it stimulates his interest and affection.

Flattery is still the woman's strong card. But flatter his weak points, because he takes his strong points for granted.

A clever man wants to be reassured that he is attractive to women. A young Apollo wants to be thought intelligent.

The sincerest form of flattery is to cultivate a genuine interest in his career, his hobbies, his interests—the things that seem important to him.

STEP THREE.—Man—contem- plating marriage—does appreciate your reliability in a woman, whatever the cynics say.

Men chase "Blondies" (I don't mean blondes), but they don't marry them—except by accident.

A Blondie merely gives a man an appetite for another Blondie. Usually just in the best circles.

She may be good for fun—how should I know?—but not for life. To gain a man's trust learn to take petty disappointments, as they come. If his country aunt turns up, and must be taken to the theatre, too, make the best of it and be nice to her.

If a woman looks well, go out of your way to remark on it—and don't gossip or slander. It makes you seem broadminded and tolerant—which I hope you are.

See that he does not spend more than he can afford—but make no mention of money. And once in a great while cook him a meal or sew him a button.

And when you visit his parents look your prettiest, but wear your demurest clothes.

A mother is naturally fearful for her son—knowing what other women are—and if she gets the impression that you are a sophisticated siren that will be no recommendation.

Fathers are easy.

If no results seem likely to forthcoming after six months, give the man up. The sea is still wide and deep.

Never make the mistake—when you fall for a man—of isolating yourself from the rest of the world. Keep up your friendships—male and female. Keep circulating. After all—you never know!

Foolproof Murder

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nights, too, when he had gone mooching along the opposite side of the canal into the public-house there?

The important thing was to go steady. He was out in the street now. What a good thing it was it was so foggy. Somewhere down the road some more fireworks went off. A dog barked. The other dog was still barking out there at the back of the house. He would probably bark for some time. Nobody takes any notice when a dog barks on Guy Fawkes' Night.

Then he heard the footsteps of the ghost coming up after him, coming up after him. Quite clearly he heard the running footsteps. His whole body collapsed into flight.

"Ere you, what the 'ell are you up to?" a sharp voice asked him. He had edged someone into the gutter. He said not a word. The breath was labouring in his throat. The fog was choking him. He had not the least idea where he was. He did not care. He ran and ran through the steep fog.

"Hello! What's the game?" A hand reached out and caught him by the sleeve. It was a policeman, looming up out of the fog. Desperately he tore his arm free, and started to run again. A whistle sounded in the fog behind him. Another

sounded somewhere on the left, and another again. He thrust his head low, and ran till he seemed to have come to a corner somewhere. He turned round that corner and round another corner. He ran on and on. He was now out of the zone of the whistling.

Stop, you fool! Stop! There's no one coming after you. He's dead. Don't you realise that? He's dead at last! If you don't get yourself under control again, you're lost, damned, done for. There now! Walk. Walk! No need to run. That's right. Easy, now, easy!

Ten seconds later he was running again, the feet of the ghost coming up behind him, closer and closer behind him. There was only one place to run to. He knew that from the beginning. He ran and ran, and then at last was back again at the place he had started from. He was now in the alley between the fence and the warehouse. He was now on the edge of the canal, poised there, listening.

Then he heard the voice he knew he would hear, the voice that not even the thick waters of the Canal would extinguish.

"The little murderer is back again, is he? He's going to jump, is he? But he won't jump! He's frightened!"

He jumped out into the steep fog.



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FIREFLY'S SURPRISE SUCCESS

LIANG WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

(By "RAPIER")

THE 1937 local Racing season was brought to a very successful conclusion last Saturday when the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting was held in fine weather, a very large crowd of racing enthusiasts being present.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS RACING CAREER, MR. S. C. LIANG, THE TSINGTAO CRACK, WON THE COVETED DISTINCTION OF BEING THE CHAMPION JOCKEY FOR 1937, A POSITION WHICH MR. D. BLACK HELD IN 1936. I FEEL SURE THAT THE RACING PUBLIC WILL JOIN ME IN EXTENDING TO MR. LIANG HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON HIS ACHIEVEMENT.

Honours among the owners last Saturday were again fairly evenly divided, but the honour of being the most successful Owner for 1937 is held by Mr. Li Lan Sang.

The first race, The Hong Kong Autumn Sub-Griffin's Champions, which attracted four starters, saw Gordito (Mr. S. C. Liang) take the lead from the very start, and although Mr. B. L. Tao made a valiant attempt on Tabby Cat to get in front, his effort was of no avail.

He had to be content with second position until the Rock, where Tabby Cat was passed by Coronation Day (Mr. S. W. Tang) and Shipmaster (Mr. D. Black). In his effort to draw level with Gordito, Mr. Tang whipped his mount when nearing the last quarter, but Gordito maintained its lead and won with many lengths to spare. Shipmaster just managed to beat Coronation Day for second place. Gordito's win gave Mr. Liang a lead on Mr. Black.

RANGER WINS

The Laggards' Handicap over one mile and confined to Australian ponies, was the next event and saw Derby Day (Mr. S. L. Yuen) take the lead from the start, and maintain it right up to 1 1/4 mile starting gate, with Snowy River (Mr. H. C. Pih) close behind, and Ranger (Mr. D. Black) two lengths in the rear.

Rounding the bend Ranger passed the leaders and won by two lengths with Snowy River, the favourite, third, another 1 1/4 lengths behind Derby Day. In this race Mr. B. L. Tao, on Australian Boy, took a spill, fortunately without injury, when nearing the Rock. The pony completed the race and then ran two miles before being caught! Mr. Black in winning this race came on level terms with Mr. S. C. Liang.

AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

The Hong Kong Autumn Champions, which was the third event on the programme, furnished a very good race, but at the same time provided an upset. King's Warden (Mr. S. C. Liang) was heavily backed, while Bear Claw (Mr. D. Black)



Life was third, many lengths behind. Mr. Black handled Bear Claw in a masterly manner and regained the lead in the race for the jockey championship.

FAVOURITE WINS NARROWLY

The fourth race of the afternoon, the Dilatory Handicap, confined to "E" Class China ponies and Subscription Griffins that had not won more than \$1,000.00, saw the favourite, Ebony Idol (Mr. B. A. Proulx) beat Emergency Call (Mr. B. L. Tao) by a short head for a good win.

Lancashire Tich (Mr. S. W. Tang) took the lead with Ebony Idol a head behind, followed by Emergency Call. On rounding the bend Ebony Idol took the lead which it maintained until after passing the band stand, where it was overtaken by Emergency Call, but this was short-lived for Mr. Proulx came back with grim determination on Ebony Idol and secured the verdict by a short head, with Lancashire Tich third, another head behind.

LATE RALLY

The first leg of the "Daily Double", the Tardy Handicap, was confined to novice jockeys. Mr. G. R. Cheape sent King's Bounty into the lead with Tyne (Mr. R. M. Wood) at its heels, followed by Jungle Jim (Mr. K. I. Ip), Commencement Bay (Mr. S. L. Yuen) and Soldier of China (Mr. C. L. Gregory).

When nearing the football stand, Commencement Bay dropped back to the last position and this order was maintained until the two mile

post was reached, when Mr. Yuen urged Commencement Bay forward and romped home with two lengths to spare from Jungle Jim, a head separating the latter from Soldier of China.

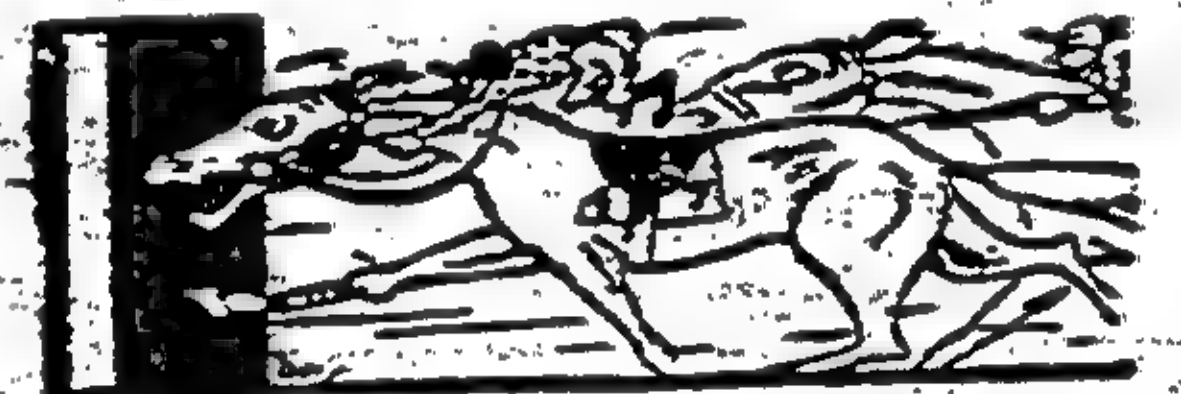
The last of the big events, the Queensland Autumn Champions, attracted only four starters. The race started with Lancashire Chips (Mr. H. C. Pih) and Gypsy Love (Mr. B. L. Tao) setting the pace, with Able Amazon (Mr. S. C. Liang) and Blandford (Mr. N. Deitz) following close behind. On rounding the village bend Able Amazon took the lead, hotly pursued by Blandford which appeared to have the race well in hand.

MR. DEITZ'S ERROR

Able Amazon, however, just managed to win by a length with Lancashire Chips third, two lengths behind. Mr. Deitz made an error of judgment in not coming up from the outside as he had every chance to, thus losing a race which he might have won.

Blandford's improvement will have to be reckoned with in future when these two stalwarts clash again. Able Amazon's win brought Mr. Liang on level terms with Mr. Black.

Four ponies faced the starter in the Last Chance Handicap, which was the second leg of the "Daily Double", these being A Great Time (Mr. S. C. Liang), Discovery Bay (Mr. D. Black), Llangollen (Mr. B.



A. Proulx) and Strathcarrick (Mr. C. L. Gregory). The race started with Llangollen jumping out to take the lead followed by Strathcarrick, A Great Time and Discovery Bay.

MR. S. C. LIANG'S TRIUMPH

When nearing the half mile post, Mr. Liang took A Great Time out to the front and it maintained his lead until the end, with Discovery Bay taking second place two lengths behind, and Llangollen third.

His win on A Great Time gave Mr. Liang the Championship for the first time in his career.

BIG DISAPPOINTMENT

The last race of the day and the year, the Finale Handicap, provided punters with a real shock. After its last run, it was expected that Valorous (Mr. Y. T. Fung) would have no difficulty in winning this race, but it failed dismally.

The race started with Gold Sovereign (Mr. B. L. Tao) forcing the pace from the start, with Sylvandale (Mr. B. A. Proulx) and Valorous (Mr. Y. T. Fung) in close attendance.

Coming up to the Rock, Mr. Fung sent Valorous into the lead until the two mile post was reached, when Gold Sovereign and Sylvandale overtook it, and while these two ponies were fighting it out Firefly (Mr. Poy), which was with the second bunch, came up with a great burst of speed over the last 100 yards and won with two lengths to spare, with Sylvandale third, half a length behind. Gold Sovereign, incidentally, this win of Mr. W. G. Poy's gave its 147 winning backers \$129.20 for a Happy Christmas.

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MANY NEWCOMERS WILL BE SEEN

(By "OUTSIDE LEFT")

THE Christmas Holidays which are upon us now have resulted in the natural cutting down of all sports programmes for to-morrow—Christmas Day—as it is quite probable that very few will be in a fit condition to stand on their feet following to-night's celebrations.

The Hong Kong Football Association and the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, however, in an endeavour to raise funds for the much needed relief in the Shanghai and North China area, have put their heads together and the result is that we will have one football encounter to-morrow between teams representing these two bodies.

NINE WICKET VICTORY

Navy's Success Against
The Army

Triangular Tourney

Navy fulfilled their promise displayed in recent matches and drew first blood in the annual Triangular Cricket Tournament at the expense of the Army, whom they beat by nine wickets.

Commencing their second innings yesterday morning, 92 runs in arrears, Army fared little better than they did in their first effort and were dismissed for 124. Lt. Weedon was once again the mainstay of the side, his 32 being easily the highest score.

Navy secured the 32 runs necessary for the loss of one wicket and went on to score 130 for 8. Capt. Whitmarsh, who is now one of the most consistent batsmen in the Colony, was undefeated with 44 to his credit.

Scores:

ARMY — 1ST INNINGS — 116
SECOND INNINGS

Lt. Weedon, c Cotman, b Boucher 32
Lt. MacLagan, b Kyrke 0
Cpl. Jones, c Walters, b Boucher 6
Capt. McIntosh-Walker, b Cotman 14
Lt. Beadnell, c Walters, b Boucher 19
Lt. Godby, b Paxton 23
Sgt. Paynter, b Paxton 1
Q. M. S. Warr, lb.w., Paxton 11
Pte. Hatfield, b Whitmarsh 2
Lt. Barron, not out 0
L/Cpl. Cheney, st. Woods, b Whitmarsh 8
Extras 3

Total

124

NAVY — 1ST INNINGS — 208
SECOND INNINGS

A. B. Smith, b Godby 27
Lt. Cotman, st. Warr, b MacLagan 4
St. Lt. Ogle, c and b Godby 6
Sub. Lt. Kyrke, b Godby 8
Com. Boucher, c Weedon, b MacLagan 2
P. O. Tel. Paxton, c MacLagan, b Cheney 15
E. A. Wood, b Godby 1
Capt. Whitmarsh, not out 44
Lt. Com. Pugh, c MacIntosh-Walker, b Cheney 14
Lt. Walkers, not out 10
Extras 1

Total (for 8 wkts.)

130

Capt. Carless did not bat.

The clash will take place at Caroline Hill commencing at 3.30 p.m. and will of 90 minutes duration, while it is also possible that prior to this match Chinese screen beauties will give an exhibition of football as played by Chinese women. This alone should be worth witnessing.

The Association and Federation will be fielding very strong teams and it is worthy of note that several newcomers will be seen in a representative match for the first time, among these being one or two junior stars.

PLAYERS RESERVED

None of the Best English or Portuguese players will be seen in action for the Association team, however, as they are being held for the Sunday Herald International Charity-Cup encounter next Monday.

The Association side, however, is comprised of some very useful talent and with the exception of the full-back division, which I consider will not be able to stand up to the Chinese attack, the team is fairly sound one.

SHOULD WIN

The Chinese Federation will be fielding practically the same team which defeated the Association in the First Round of the Governor's Cup competition and they should win to-morrow's encounter, although they will be hard pressed from start to finish.

Eastern have a fairly good sprinkling of players in the Chinese team, whose balance of power has not been destroyed by breaking up South China partnerships.

Although the cause is a worthy one, I am afraid that the sponsors have chosen a bad day for it as it is quite possible that several members of the Association team will also be fielding the effects of to-night's festivities.

The following are the teams and reserves:

H.K.F.A. — Rowlands (Kowloon); Hussain (St. Joseph's) and Ulrich (Kowloon); Evans (Kowloon); Sherman (Navy) and Wilson (Club); Freshwater (Middlesex); Leonard (St. Joseph's); D. Knorr (Kowloon); McGuigan (Seaforths) and Bickford (Club).
Reserves: L. B. Skinner (Club); Tippet (Navy); McKusker (Seaforths); Fraser (Seaforths); Fisher (Club); and Spiers (Seaforths).
H.K.C.A.A.F. — Tam Kwan-ko (S. China "B"); Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A"); and Mak Shui-hon (S. China "A"); Leung Wing-chiu (S. China "A"); Soong Ling-sing (Eastern A.A.)



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"SUNDAY HERALD" SOCCER CLASSIC FOR NEXT MONDAY

The first game in the long awaited Sunday Herald International Charity Cup soccer series will take place next Monday on the Kowloon Football Club ground, commencing at 3.30 p.m. when England will meet Portugal.

As A. V. Gosano has declined to participate as centre-forward for Portugal, it is interesting to note that Bertie Gosano, who was transferred to a coastal port several months ago, is in the Colony for Christmas and will lead the Portuguese attack.

The teams are:—

England: Church (Navy); Webster (Seaforths) and C. Pile (Police); Laister (Navy); Bright (Middlesex) and Bliss (Kowloon); Pearson (Middlesex); Howlett (Police); Fowler (Club); Saw (Middlesex) and Middleton (Navy).
Portugal: R. Marques; V. Costa and D. Alves; C. Remedios; N. Beltrao (Cant.) and C. Marques; N. Delgado; A. Ward; B. Gosano; J. Gomes and T. Alves.
and Lau Hing-choi (S. China "A"); Hsu Ching-to (Eastern A.A.); Lai Shiu-wing (S. China "A"); Chan Tak-fai (S. China "B"); Fung King-cheong (S. China "A") and Chan Ping-to (Eastern A.A.).
Reserves: Lee Kwok-wai (S. China "A"); Tay Qute-liang (S. China "A"); Lo Wai-keen (Eastern A.A.) and Cheung Moon-wing (S. China "A").

NEXT MONDAY'S HOME SOCCER PROGRAMME

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal (-)	Blackpool (-)
Birmingham (5)	Liverpool (0)
Brentford (2)	Manchester C. (6)
Charlton (1)	Chelsea (0)
Derby (3)	Bolton (0)
Everton (-)	Leicester (-)
Huddersfield (2)	Sunderland (1)
Middlesbrough (4)	Leeds (2)
Preston (1)	Portsmouth (1)
Stoke (2)	Grimsby (0)
West Brom (2)	Wolves (1)

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley (-)	Luton (-)
Bradford (3)	Aston Villa (3)
Chesterfield (0)	Blackburn (4)
Coventry (2)	Sheffield U. (0)
Fulham (2)	Burnley (0)
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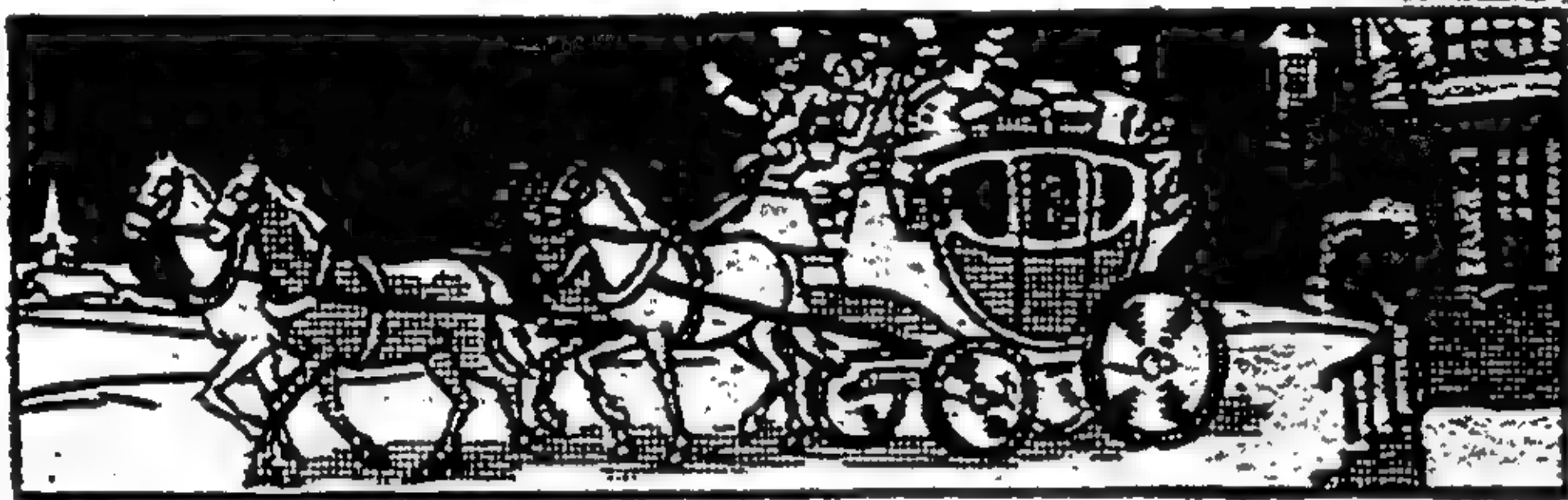


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SCOTLAND'S FIFTEEN

The Three-Quarter Problem

(By "PLEGAN")

Glasgow, November 20.

Who will form Scotland's three-quarter line this season? There are a number of candidates who deserve earnest consideration. It may be that, between now and the final trial on January 15, "dark horses" will come forward. But, at present, there are no signs of them, so far as I have been able to see.

Those who played for Scotland last season—W. G. S. Johnston (Richmond), R. W. Shaw (Glasgow High School F.P.), and R. H. Dryden (Watsonians), on the wings, and Shaw, again, R. C. S. Dick (Guy's Hospital), D. J. Macrae (St. Andrew's University), and Ian Shaw (Glasgow High School F.P.), insides—must once more be scrutinised.

To these possibilities must be added the names of such performers as J. G. S. Forrest, R. B. Bruce-Lockhart (Cambridge University), R. W. Dunn (London Scottish), C. F. Grieve (Duke of Wellington's Regiment), W. N. Benwick (Oxford University), A. I. S. Macpherson (London Scottish), E. C. Hunter (Watsonians), A. I. Abbott (Pannure), A. J. Bateman, W. H. Bookless (Kelso), E. G. L. Mark (Coventry), J. Park (Royal High School F.P.), and a number of others.

In England, there are some unknowns putting up some spanking good performances week after week. They bear Scottish names, but, in these days, when those who have such nomenclature are played regularly by England, Ireland, and Wales, it is difficult to know who is a Scot and who is not. It is a case of "When is a Scot not a Scot?" When he plays for England, Ireland, or Wales!

BRUCE-LOCKHART

Of the above mentioned, we can take it, I think, Bruce-Lockhart will be most seriously considered for the stand-off half billet, which he filled against Ireland last season and which has brought him his "Blue" this autumn.

Grieve, too, is likely to be in the line-up, only as a possible full back or fly-half. At Ampleforth he



did well as a centre three-quarter, but, since attaining senior status, he has only filled the position on emergency occasions.

If we can depend upon the accounts from England, some of our Anglo-Scots are doing remarkably well. Richmond are very pleased with Johnston, whom they regard as an indomitable performer. Another winger, Swanson, has been gaining great praise. Mark is said by Coventry folk to be one of their best match winners for years, either inside or on the wing.

SHAW IS A PUZZLE

Let us shake some of the others in turn. R. W. Shaw is a puzzle. He has played for Scotland on both wings, inside, and at stand-off half. No one appears to know what his best position is, although report, which I have heard discredited, states that the player himself prefers to be on the wing.

Neither he nor his brother Ian has been very prominent this season up to last Saturday. But, at Myreside, against the Watsonians, in a match which I delighted to see, they sprang into such prominence that they must definitely be in the running for further honours. It will be interesting to see what the Glasgow selectors do about them.

IN GRAND FORM

Macrae has also been mixing his game. Dick, I hear from London, has been in grand form. I give this information as one of his most severe critics in the past, for his display against Wales last season.

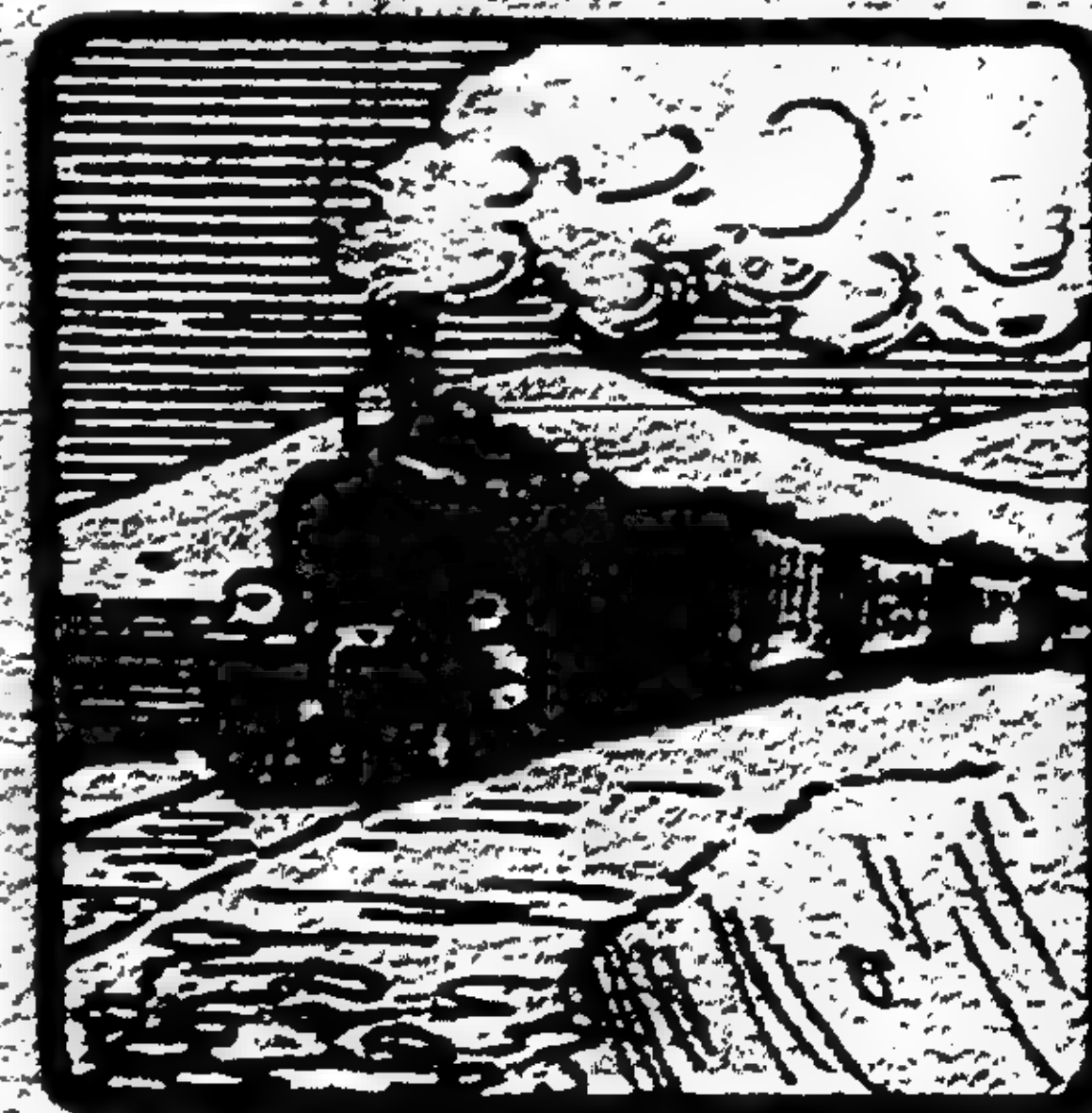
The Cantabs think highly of Forrest, who was tried last season without making any deep impression. He did show possibilities, though. I think we can rule out Benwick, Abbott, Bateman, and Bookless as having any real pretensions to international standard. Dunn is different. When I have been in the South, keen Rugby men have expressed surprise that the selectors have not taken him further.

Macpherson has improved beyond all knowledge since joining the "exiles." Park's experiences in seven-a-side games seem to have done him good, but he is not back to the form that got him his "cap" previously. Our three-quarters look a puzzle.

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TO-DAY'S "SPOTLIGHT"

(By "SHORTSTOP")

LEO H. FISCHER, the President of the Amateur Softball Association of America, has some interesting tales to tell about the game. According to him, the game was invented in the Northwest of the United States, the first organised game being in Minneapolis and St. Paul some 25 years ago.

There it was known as kitten-ball because all the balls were made by a fireman in his off hours, and he had the notion of using the picture of a kitten as a kind of trade mark. From the Northwest the game spread to Florida, then the Southwest, the middle West, the Pacific coast, and finally, to the East, where it seems to be enjoying great prosperity.

Five years ago a national organisation was formed and since then it has conducted annual championship.

PECULIAR DELIVERIES

It is said that there is a Softball pitcher in Chicago with such a peculiar delivery that even he himself hardly knows whether he is to throw to the batter or to first base if there is a man on! In a critical game a heavy hitter came to the plate, and the count was two and three on him. He took a toe hold and swung heavily as the ball left the pitcher's hand. He had struck out when, as a matter of fact, the pitcher had thrown to first base. The story gives one an idea of the speed of some of these softball pitchers when they really bear down.

It is also related of another speed ball artist who had been burning them over like Walter Johnson, that when he had two strikes on the batter with the winning run on third and two down, he varied his tactics for the third strike. He sent up a floater. The batter was set for a fast ball and swung before the ball reached the plate. He missed, but the momentum whirled him around, his bat still extended, and this time it came in contact with the ball, knocking it for the inevitable home run, of course.

"SPOTLIGHT"

The one man who has helped the most in putting China on the baseball map is, at the same time, very reticent about his many varied achievements.

Abe Liu, of the Vets Softball Club, knows baseball from the ground up, but it was with extreme difficulty that we could get him to talk about himself. The information we gleaned from other sources helped in putting together his imposing record.

He was born in Honolulu, T. H., years and years ago, where he attended grade and high school, but completed his higher education at one of the larger eastern universities in the United States. From 1914 to '16, he was catcher of the famous All-Chinese baseball team of Honolulu that toured the States from the west to east coast. In '23 and '25, he caught for China in the Far Eastern Olympics at Osaka and Manila, respectively. In 1927 he was the manager of the popular Chinese team from Honolulu that toured China and Hong Kong and took the same boys to Tokyo in 1930. Again in '34, he was the manager of the Chinese team at Manila.

Abe has been ex-officio member of the Chinese National Athletic Federation, with headquarters at

Shanghai, of its baseball squad since 1923, and had the honour of being the manager of the Chinese team there that won the baseball championship in 1935 at the C. N. A. F. meet.

"The only time we played softball in the States," said Abe, "was during the winter months to keep in training. We always played in gyms, and it was the old indoor baseball."

"It's a different brand of game they play over there," he added. He meant, of course, that here in Hong Kong, we weren't playing softball according to Hoyle.

For the past five years, Abe has been content to sit on the sidelines and watch the younger generation at play. He says that he is getting too old but, somehow or other, he is always the one his team-picks on to take a turn at bat as a pinch-hitter, while fans can always hear Abe yelling from the coach's box.

It would probably take a twenty-mule team and a tractor to keep Abe from playing ball, if he would only admit it.

Abe says that he has more fun than you can shake a stick at while he's helping out the youngsters, and right now, he can be seen in the afternoons coaching both the Vets and the English Forum.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS TO MEET ARMY AND NAVY IN TRIANGULAR TIES

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in their Triangular Tournament encounter against the Army on Monday.

A. W. Hayward (Capt.), F. H. Stokes, M. F. L. Haymes, L. D. Kilbee, F. Baker, J. E. Richardson, T. A. Pearce, H. Owen Hughes, D. McLellan, T. E. Pearce, J. L. C. Pearce.

The H.K.C.C. team to meet the Navy on January 1 will be:

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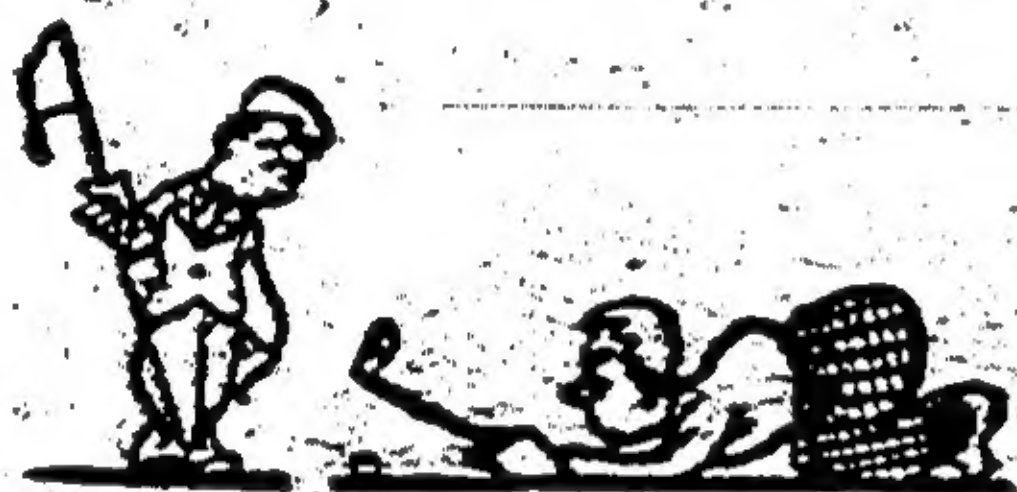
BRILLIANT PLAY IN RAIN AND WIND

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)

London, November 19.
Arthur Lacey, of the Berkshire club, a Ryder Cup player, won the Guildford Alliance 18-holes stroke tournament with a remarkable round of 67 at West Byfleet yesterday. He also broke the course record, standing in the name of J. Field, by as many as four strokes.

On a day of drizzling rain and a piercingly cold wind, this was an astonishingly good effort, and, moreover, it was characteristic of the player. Lacey has made a reputation as one of the big hitters of the game who is not afraid to take reasonable risks.

When he really lets go there are few players in the world who can outdrive him. The Americans, Jimmy Thomson, and Sam Snead, may do so, but I know of no British player who can give Lacey a yard



when he is putting everything into the shot and connecting with the middle of the clubhead.

AMAZING SHOTS

Wearing mackintosh clothing, an extra jersey and with hands enveloped in mittens, the occasion was not one for mighty hitting. And yet Lacey hit some amazing shots.

One of them was at the second—downwind it was true—the drive finishing in a bunker close to the green. This shot measured something in the neighbourhood of 320 yards.

At the long seventh, where the wind was again helping, he was five yards short of the green with two full-blooded wooden club shots.

BEST EFFORT

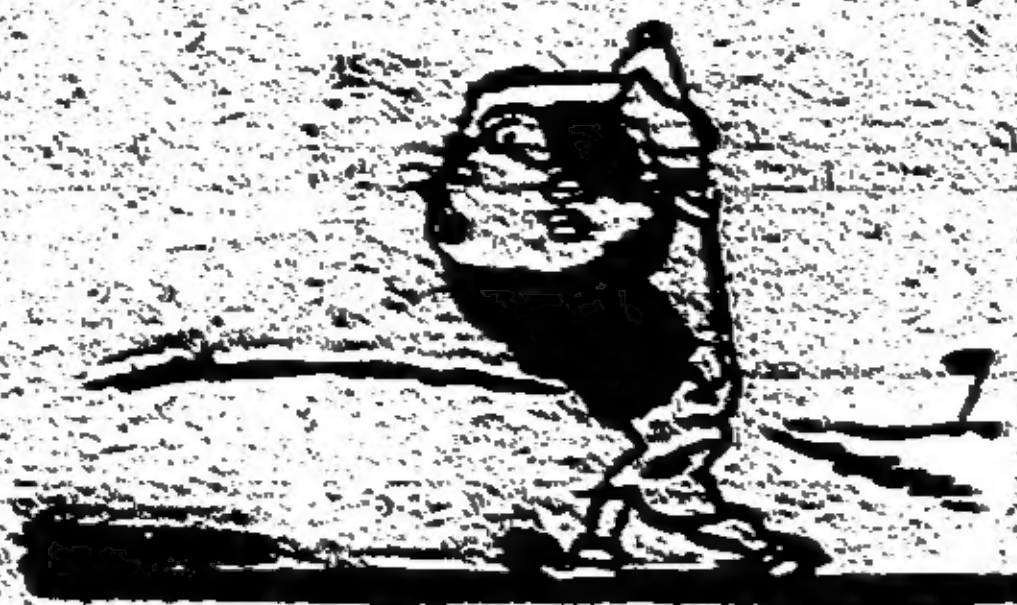
But easily the best effort was reserved for the 18th, played in the teeth of the wind. Of all the competitors, Lacey and W. J. Cox were the only two to reach the green in two shots.

Each took a driver for the second, but while Cox only just scrambled on Lacey, lashing out with great fury, was through the green and in a bunker beyond. I did not think the shot was possible, and neither did Lacey, but, as he explained, "Anything is possible when the timing is right and confidence is unimpaired."

THE FAULTY SHOTS

However, not all Lacey's shots were of the immaculate type; far from it. A drive at the dog-legged fifth, obviously intended to reach the green, finished in the middle of a bush on the right.

There was his drive at the eighth, a hole at which a player of the Lacey stamp expects to be putting for a 3. Again the shot found a clump of bushes on the right, and as the ball could not be found he had to be content with a 5. Lacey could count himself fortunate that it was nothing worse, for



his next drive was trapped in a bunker.

GLORIOUS PUTTING

In these circumstances no player could possibly have compiled a score of 67 had not his short game been of the most deadly character. Lacey's chipping, delightfully executed and perfectly conceived, was backed up by glorious putting. Not once in the round did he fail at a holable putt.

The first hole was indicative of Lacey's play and mood. A drive and a mashie-niblick shot a yard from the flag gave him what might be termed an "inspirational" 3. Despite the adventure in a bush at the 5th he chipped out, pitched the next shot on to the green, and holed the putt for a 4.

Though Lacey cut his drive to the ninth he chipped to within five yards and holed the putt for a 3. And so the process went on. Bunkered with the second shot to the tenth, Lacey's recovery—from outside the 20 yards' limit—hit the pin, the ball stopping an inch from the hole.

One more instance of escape by means of a remarkable short game

TOMMY MARTIN KNOCKED OUT IN FIRST ROUND

London, November 23. — Heinz Lazek, of Austria (13st 5lb), knocked out Tommy Martin (12st 6lb), the coloured Deptford boxer, in the first round at the National Sporting Club tournament at Earl's Court last night, writes Peter Lawless.

A perfectly timed left hook sent Martin down for a count of eight very early in the proceedings. He was muzzy when he got to his feet and endeavoured to use the ring to survive the round. But before he could make the full circuit another left hook sent him down for the full count—and more—the whole fight lasting one and a half minutes. Martin is a clever defensive boxer, fast and elusive, but he met his master in this storming Austrian.

technique will suffice. At the short 17th his tee shot was cut to glory, but a chip and a putt produced the necessary 3. The figures of Lacey's record-breaking round are:

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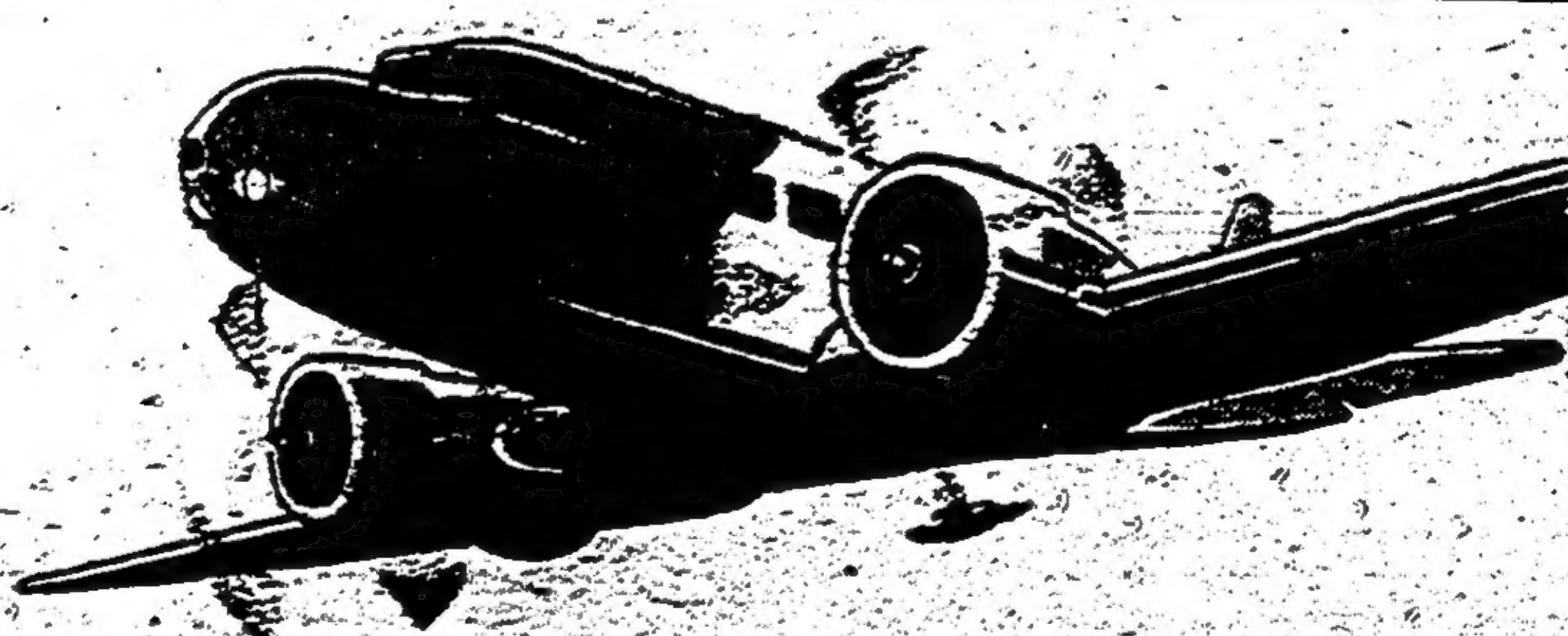
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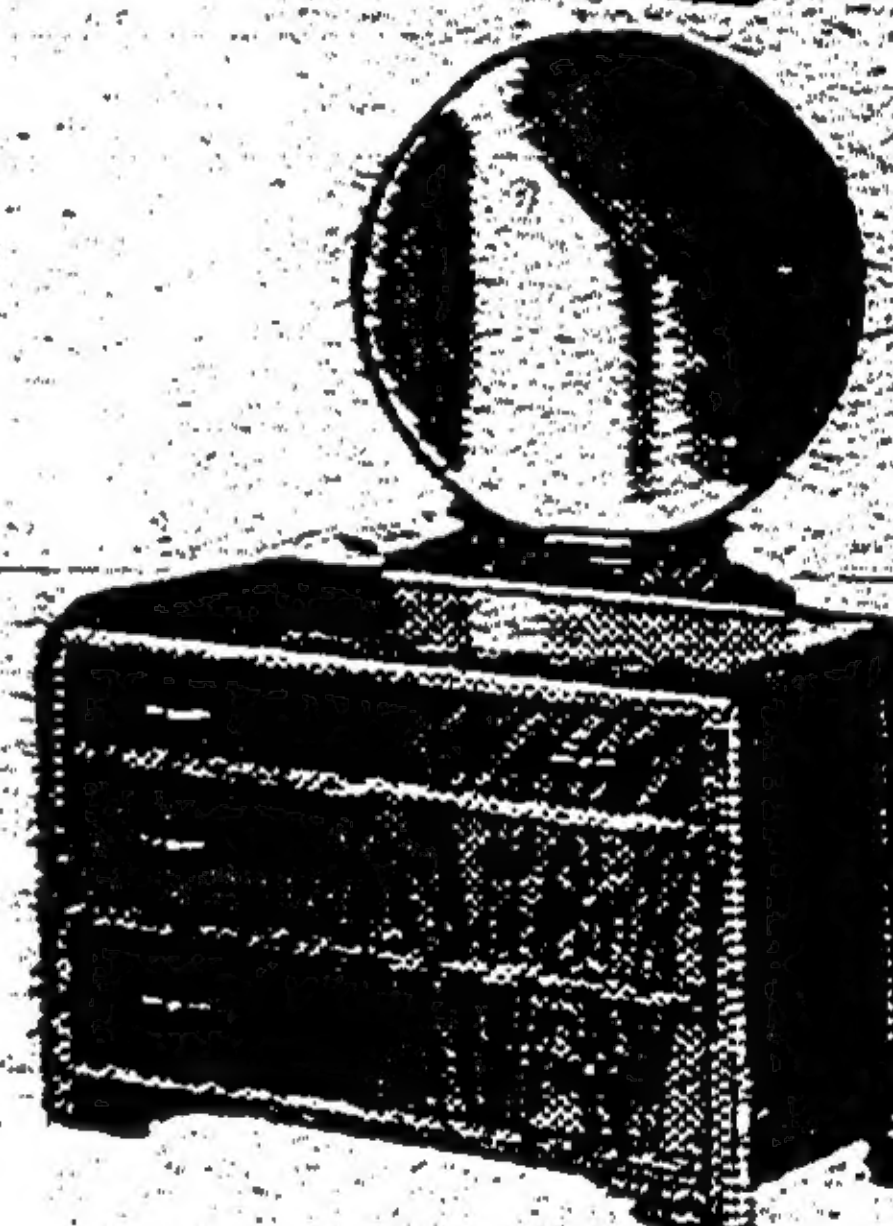
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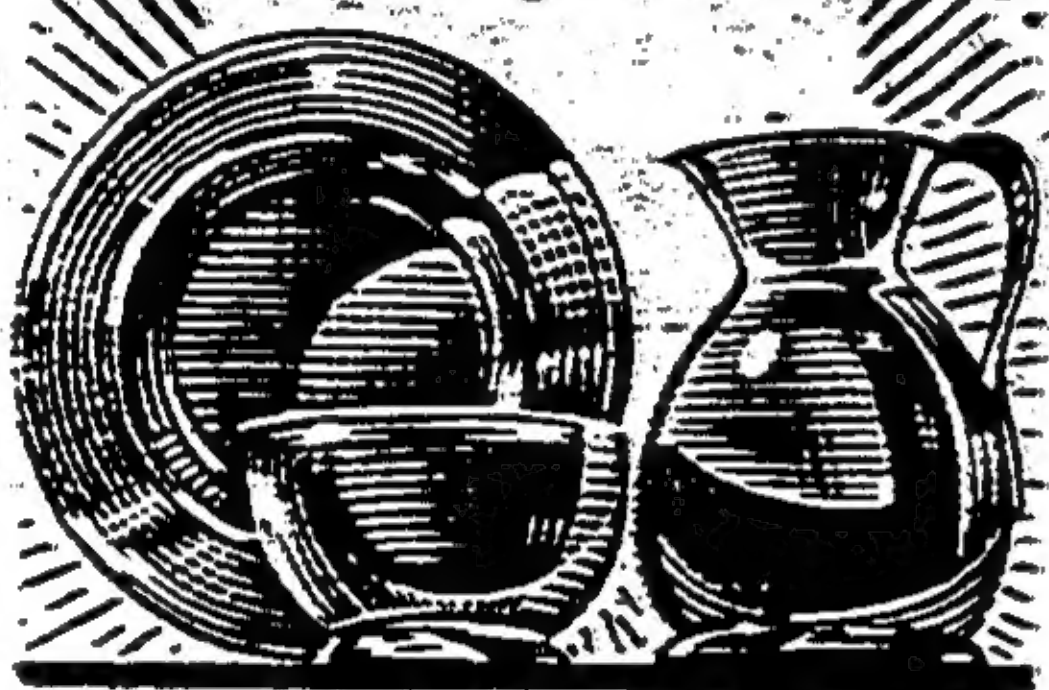
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CHRISTMAS EXPRESS ON ITS WAY

Shanghai, To-day.

A Hankow message says that the "Christmas Express," carrying foreign evacuees from Hankow, left Hankow for Kowloon yesterday morning.

The train is due in Kowloon either to-day (Saturday) or Sunday.—Reuter.

TSINGTAO EVACUATION CONTINUING

Tsingtao, To-day.

Evacuation is continuing. Most foreigners are preparing for immediate departure.

In spite of the re-opening of banks and commercial houses, few transactions are being made. Shops selling rice and other food stuffs and preserved foods are doing most of the business.

Several points in the port have been sand-bagged, while machine-gun nests have been established along the water-front. A.A. gun posts are also located around the city.—Our Own Correspondent.

Specters are bright of the train going straight through to Kowloon via the loepline.—Reuter.

EX-COMMUNIST LEADER'S ACTIVITIES

Shanghai, To-day.

General Mao Tsung, former Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Communist armies, has arrived in north Shensi under direct orders from General Chiang Kai-shek.

There are many reports of General Mao's activities, most of them of Japanese origin, having been concocted with the aim of influencing Chinese public opinion.

Some reports say he has left for Outer Mongolia in order to organise transport of Russian war material to Shensi.

Another report says he is to win over leading Outer Mongolian officials to the Chinese cause.

In this connection, the Japanese claim they will shortly be able to cut off military communications between Outer Mongolia and Shansi.

Much depends on the truth of this claim, particularly in view of the reported growth of the Chinese 8th Army from three to ten divisions, or a total of about 150,000 men.

The former Red Army is also reported to have been reinforced by 10,000 peasants and labourers.—Trans-Ocean.

TSINANFU GIVEN FALSE ALARM SHOCKS

Tsinanfu, To-day.

Tsinanfu was given a shock last night, when the spluttering of machine-guns and the rumbling of light field guns disturbed the stillness of the night.

The alarm went up that the Japanese were attacking the city and soon all the residents in the town were out of bed.

They, however, later calmed down when it was discovered that the gunfire was confined to an area along line of the Japanese along the Yellow River.

Official quarters revealed that Chinese guerrillas, harassing the rear line of the Japanese along the Yellow River, were responsible for the disturbance.

The Japanese attack on the city is, however, still expected any moment.—Our Own Correspondent.

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ROYAL FAMILY GATHERING AT SANDRINGHAM

London, To-day.

Prince Edward and Princess Alexandra, children of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, were taken down to Sandringham yesterday afternoon by their nurse.

The Duke and Duchess travel to Sandringham to-day to join the Royal Family party from the midst of which the King will retire on Saturday afternoon to make his Empire broadcast at three o'clock.—British Wireless.

NEW WAR OFFICE APPOINTMENT

London, To-day.

The War Office announces that Major General W. D. S. Brownrigg has been appointed Military Secretary to the Secretary for War. The vacancy in the post of Military Secretary was caused by the appointment recently of General Viscount Gort to be Chief of the Imperial General Staff.—British Wireless.

MARYSE HILSZ SETS RECORD

Paris, To-day.

The famous French aviatrix, Maryse Hilsz, beat the record for the flight from Paris to Saigon established by the Frenchman M. Japy, in 1935. Maryse Hilsz started on Sunday from Paris and reached Saigon yesterday, having covered the distance in 92 hours 31 minutes and thereby beating Japy's record by four hours 21 minutes.—Trans-Ocean.

Fifteen Japanese planes flew over Lantau Island, which is British territory, at 8.45 this morning, and returned at 9.30 a.m.

The machines flew directly over Taio, one of the largest towns on the island, on which is situated a Hong Kong police outpost.

The planes came over at a low altitude owing to clouds, and were clearly visible to residents on the island.

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